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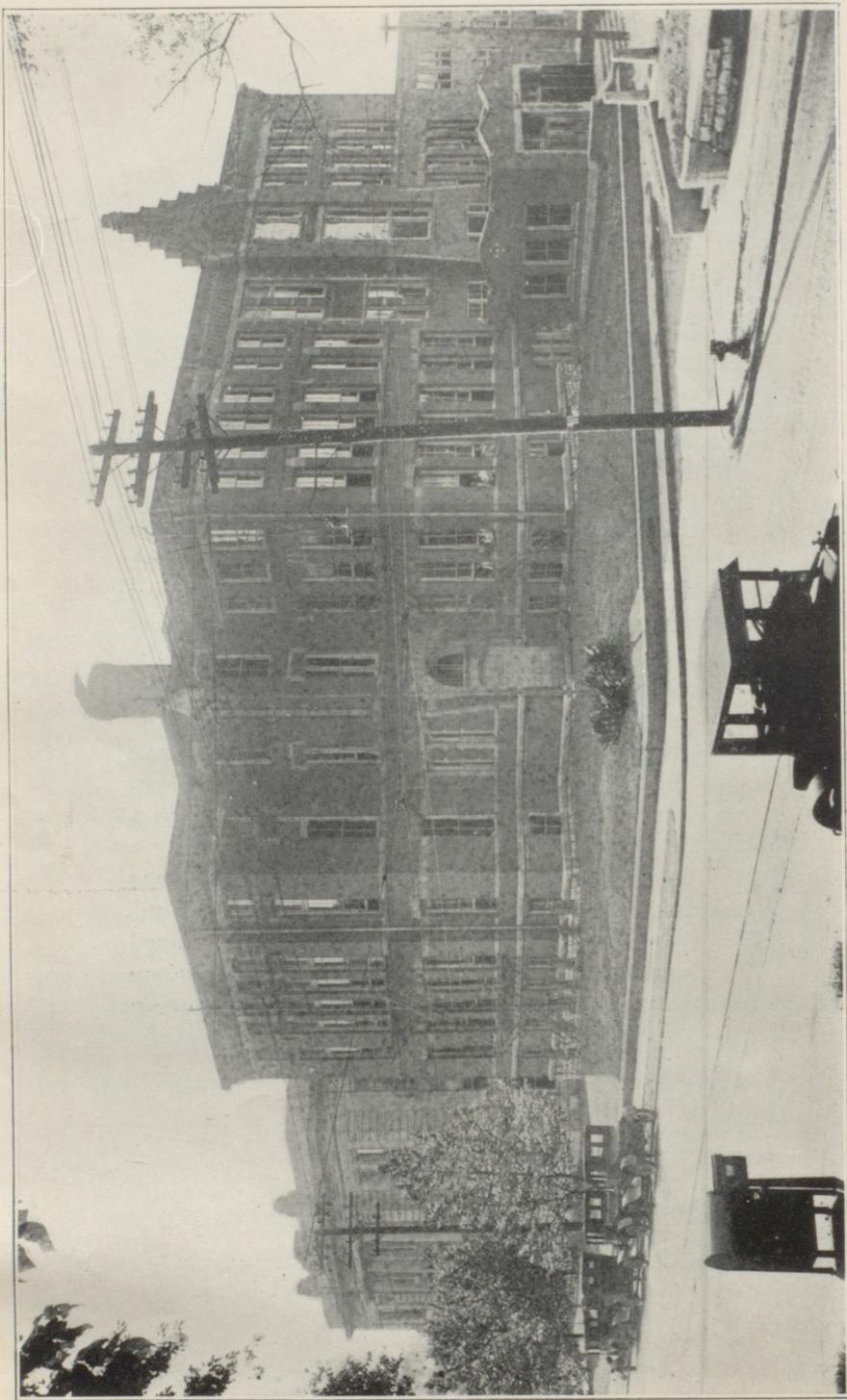
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FOREWORD

SINCE 1889 there has been in Des Moines an educational institution called "West High."

The school has held session in many different buildings in as many different locations, but from the beginning traditions have been held sacred, high ideals have been maintained, and a loyal school spirit has been preserved. It is with sorrow in each student's heart that he views the abandonment of West High as a senior high school, for the friendships which he has made there and the learning which he received make the old school seem to him like home. However, the school will end its eventful career in a blaze of glory, for the members of this historic institution have honored its ideals and traditions and will continue to do so to the very end. Realizing these things, the staff prints this Annual with the hope that those from West High who are going into other schools will do honor and justice to West High.



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MISS INEZ HOVEY

*whose sweet simplicity, sympathetic understanding, and
unselfish service to others has won for her
the friendship of the great body
of students as well as
that of the
faculty.*



FAREWELL

The parting hour is drawing nigh
To you, dear school, we bid good-bye.
Four years have flown and days gone past
Each filled with its play or task;
So now we migrate all alone
To foreign ports and shores unknown,
Yet with the flame of knowledge bright
To flood our paths with radiant light.

To your ideals we'll strive to live,
And through life's course our best to give,
Your standards to uphold on high,
A beacon to each passerby.
The friendships made and friendships won
We'll treasure ever, one by one,
Locked in our hearts. Yes, sealed to fate,
Our class of Nineteen Twenty-eight.

—IRMA VAN ARSDALE.

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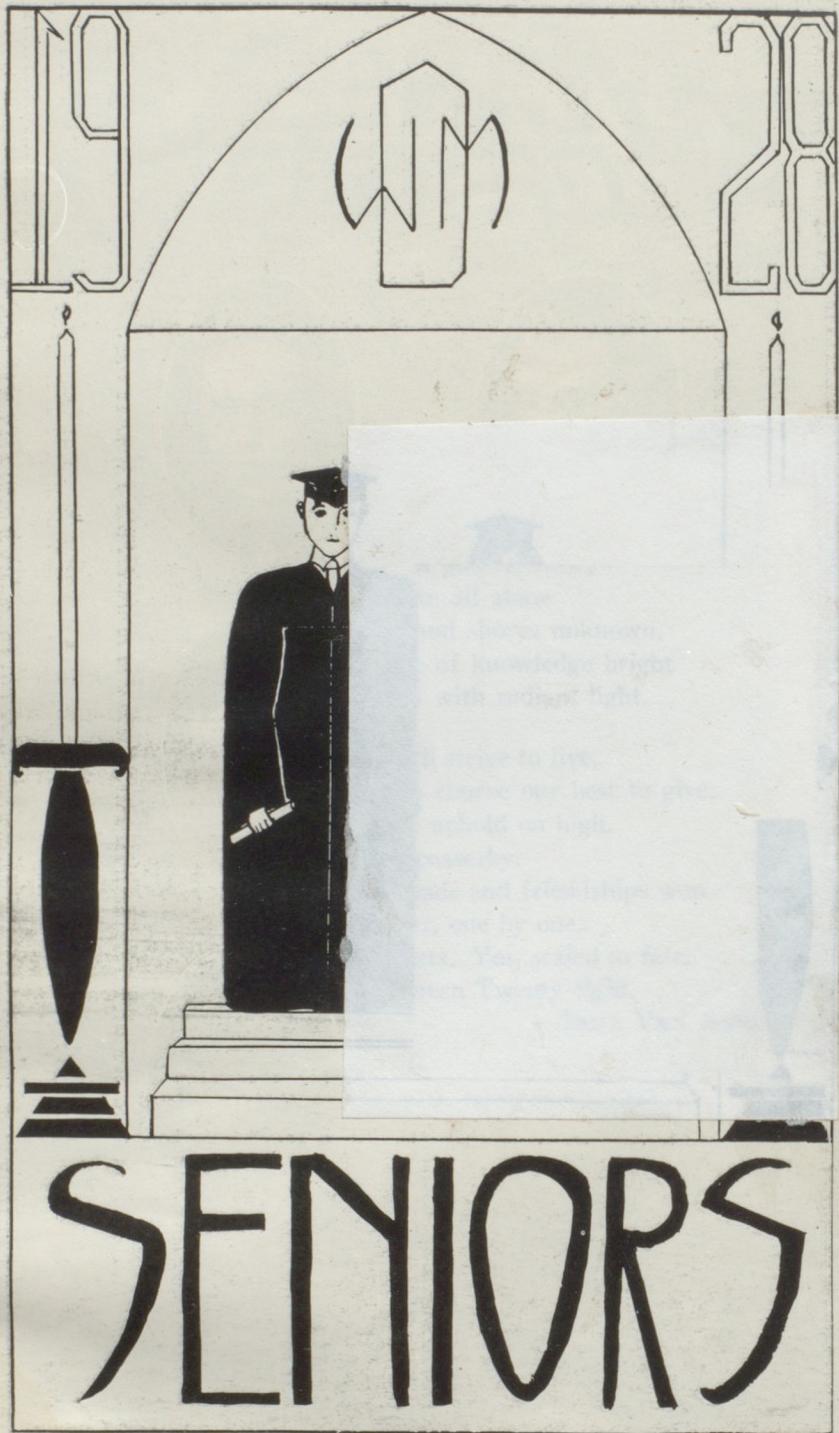
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Senior Get-Together Picnic	October 12, 1927
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Parents' Tea	January 22, 1928
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

We are the last pupils who will be so honored as to receive diplomas from West High. It is a great privilege and we should make the most of it.

As we look back we see many great men and women listed among the Alumni of our school. Is not this sufficient incentive to make us strive to succeed? We are the last of West High to have the chance to carry its name to the heights. Let us work and labor to bring only honor to this last class of ours.

West High has given us something which is priceless and which it is our duty to use. Our education can make successes of us if it has taught us to work, if it has taught us that success lies in helping others and making this world a better place for those who follow us.

If we are to do this it is for us to consider seriously some of the problems confronting the world today.

First, it is our duty as coming citizens to try to understand each other; and by each other I mean not only those of us who are present, but all the millions of young people in the many lands whose environment is different from ours. We should attempt to realize how our French friends feel concerning debt settlements and tariff laws; how foreigners feel about our immigration laws. We should study the matter so that we can do the right thing concerning the foreigners and our own manufacturers and laborers. It is also our duty to spread our doctrine of equality all over the world so that all our brothers and sisters in foreign lands may have equal chances. This would remove much of their discontent and prevent many disagreements which start wars.

Then we must strive to become a nation of law observers, so that our National Constitution shall remain supreme; and all acts and amendments under it shall be honored and obeyed. It is, of course, a great temptation to mock some of its laws and make light of them, but this is very disastrous. If the law were not good and necessary, it would not have been passed; therefore, we must obey it because of its worth. Also, it tends to decrease the worth of all other laws, if one is disregarded. So it is evident that we should obey the law because disobeying brings such dire results. It is taking an awful responsibility for one young person or any one person to say something is wrong which at one time the whole nation said was good and just.

In addition we must, as future employers and employees, strive to be fair so that the industrial difficulties of today may be eliminated. We must, as future workers, strive to be fair to our employers by giving them as much work as we can. As future employers, we should study living conditions and costs, and give our workers sufficient income that they and their families may live decently and have some pleasure in life. Correspondingly, the worker must learn to save and budget his income so that he can receive the most good from it. As employers we should study hygienic problems so that our workers might work in the conditions which will be best for their health and likewise give them the highest efficiency.

As you see, then, it is a very serious problem to live today, and its solution must demand our fullest attention.

—MILTON BLANC.

CLASS ORATION

The World War, Peace, and the League of Nations

For centuries nations have been at war, yet for centuries they have been trying to preserve peace. This gigantic problem has confronted the leaders of the world and it has not yet been solved. The monster war has continued to advance. Although war produces a few beneficial results, no man of normal intelligence will deny that it is detrimental to the welfare of society. It diverts the energies of the nations engaged in it into unproductive channels. It plunges nations into debt and annihilates their youth. It demoralizes their public spirit. In the midst of a splendid attempt to stay its rapid advance, the world war came.

America was caught in the meshes of intricate European entanglements through her commercial, rather than political, relations with the nations of Europe. Such energetic action, and such unity of purpose had never before been known in the history of America. America gave her heart and soul to win the war. One million American boys and men marched forth with sorrowful hearts but determined souls to end war by war, and make the world safe for democracy. Eighteen West High boys marched gallantly with them, and now they lie, our honored dead, in foreign fields, in foreign soil. Many a khaki clad American lad died with a smile on his lips, contented, because he felt that he had fought and died in the last great war the world would ever know, and because he knew he had helped to free the people of the world from the powerful grip of the tyrant's hand.

Our activities at home were, perhaps, even greater than those abroad. Each man, woman, and child did something in service for the noble cause. When the enthusiasm reached its highest pitch the armistice came. America rejoiced amid showers of confetti and lusty shouts of the happy multitudes. The peace conference was held at Paris. Germany was stripped of all her power. Boundaries were adjusted and new nations were created. But most important of all was the introduction of a plan which, looking into the future, would make sure that another such war could never occur. It called for the formation of a league of nations, which league was to arbitrate the quarrels of nations by means of a world court and enforce, if necessary, its decisions by military force. Today all the leading nations of the world belong, except the United States of America. Our congress refused to join because it believed our forces would be called upon to fight in quarrels which have little or no bearing upon the welfare of our nation. In our position we keep company with Mexico and Russia.

Nine years have passed swiftly since the signing of the armistice. Yet it seems as though the recollection of it were but a distant memory. The tumult of the war has ceased. Men and women have returned to their peaceful pursuits. As we look back upon the war, sorrow saddens our hearts. We see the result of the war and feel our increased responsibility. Did the war end war? Did our soldier boys make the world safe for democracy? No, I believe not. But they made a wonderful beginning. It remains for us, the living, to complete their unfinished task. Many of us have thought our duty done when we won the war. Sad it is, indeed, that many labored during the war to put an end to war and oppression, but

refuse to labor with equal effort to preserve the peace whose tranquil embrace fosters the prosperity of our nation. Our duty is not yet done. It is for us to abolish forever the institution of war and the oppression of the weak by the strong. "If we break faith with those who died, they will not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields."

From the war we have learned that problems which confront Europe confront us also; that trouble in Europe means trouble in America; and that wars in Europe or in any other part of the world are bound to affect the destinies of our nation. The common belief is to the contrary. For years we have followed the advice of Washington, who says in his farewell address, "Our detached and distant situation invites and enables us to pursue a different course. Why quit our own to stand on foreign ground? Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor, or caprice? It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world." Washington's advice, if such a person as I may be permitted to comment upon the words of so great a man as our first president, was sound under the conditions of those times in which he lived. But conditions have changed. Today a huge steamship may cross the Atlantic in less than a week, compared to the two months it took the fastest ship to cross in the days of Washington. Today airships can cross that mighty span of water in less than forty-eight hours. Telephones, the telegraph, and radio connect us with the most remote parts of the world. How then, does the fact that we are separated by a body of water from the rest of the world place us in a position aloof from the rest of the world? The nations of the world are bound so closely together that, as the motion of one drop of water affects the motion of the other drops surrounding it, the troubles of one nation alone will affect the destinies of the other nations of the world. For this reason all future wars will involve the whole world as did the last one.

If we are agreed that our nation will be affected by disturbances in other parts of the world, why should we not join the League of Nations, an organization which is wise enough to arbitrate justly, and has strength enough to enforce its decisions? If we do this we have kept faith with those who lie in Flanders fields.

In conclusion, peace is a divine blessing to the people. Surely any sacrifice on our part to secure and preserve it will be of great service to humanity. The time has come when America must realize that she is a part of the world and not a world in itself. Th world war was fought to end war and make the world safe for democracy. Eighteen of our own boys fought and died with this purpose in their hearts. Have these, our gold star boys, died in vain? No, God forbid. It is for us to carry on their unfinished work. Let us take renewed courage and exert all our efforts to complete their task. Let us not be stubborn. Let us be fair and square. Let us, trusting in God as our helper, fall'in with and aid any plan which, although calling for a sacrifice on our parts, will make the world safe for democracy.

—HOMER KING.

CLASS SONG

WORDS AND MUSIC BY
BLANCHE McKEEVER

Goodbye Dear Old West Hi. We're leaving you be-
WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST HERE TO TRY AND SATISFY
NOW WE ALL MUST LEAVE YOU TO GO OUR DIFFERENT
HIND FOUR SHORT YEARS WE'VE BEEN WITH YOU AND DONE
THE TEACHERS AND THE OTHERS WHO HAVE
WAYS THIS HAST CLASS OF OUR OLD SCHOOL THAT HAS
WORK THAT'S BEEN ASSIGNED ALTHOUGH WE'RE GLAD TO
MADE US WANT TO TRY THOUGH FAILURES HAVE DIS-
SEEN SUCH HAPPY DAYS WE'LL ALWAYS KEEP THE
GRADUATE WE LEAVE YOU WITH A SIGH FOR YOUTH
COURAGED US SUCCESS MAKES OUR PATH BRIGHT AND ALL
MEMORIES OF THE MOMENTS NOW GONE BYE AND IN
ALWAYS BE WITH TENDERNESS WE THINK OF OUR WEST
TRIED TO GAIN MORE HONOR FOR THIS OLD SCHOOL DEAR OLD WEST
OUR HEARTS WILL ALWAYS BE THREE CHEERS FOR OLD WEST
Hi.
His

CLASS POEM

Dear West High, the time has come when we must part.
We have spent within thy walls
Three short years of pleasure, three long years of labor.
Many have been the hours of gladness shared together,
Gladness in our play and in our labors.
We have given to thee all our service and loyalty,
We have tried to uphold all of thy traditions,
We have worn thy colors with honor;
We have learned, in thy classrooms, many of our highest ideals;
Many of our firmest friendships have been formed within thy walls.
Clubs and conferences have helped us,
Shown us the joy and helpfulness of friendship.
Many defeats have we shared together;
This has taught us the principle of good sportsmanship
Which is needed all our lives.
Now we are leaving Old West High.
All are looking forward to attaining higher things,
Making West High's name and our names more famous.
Though we no longer wander through' thy halls,
We will always remember our Alma Mater.—FLORENCE THOMPSON.

CLASS WILL

We, the January class of 1928, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament, rendering void all other documents made by any member of this class at a preceding date.

To the Junior School we bequeath all parking places heretofore forbidden in the east end of the building.

To the faculty we return all unsatisfactory grades for future distribution.

Irma Van Arsdale leaves her unbending dignity to Ruth Chambers to be used in future assemblies.

Glen Barber, Vera Vierling, and Maxine Stump bequeath their great height to Worlie Frost.

To Gladys James, Elsie Houchin and Wanda Hunnicutt leave their ability to monopolize the gym teacher's time and devotion.

Bernice Hafner and Pauline Marohn leave their extreme powers of oratory to Fannie Garsh.

Hope Lawrence, Helen Huff, Bessie Barr, and Bessie Robinson bequeath their ability to form lasting friendships to Velma Morain and Ramona Hall.

Maurice Merritt leaves his versatile attainments to Harold Kempton.

Ivan Murphy, Florence Thompson, and Harold Gregory bequeath their boisterous manners to Betty Saunders, Marjorie Mahaffa, and Elmer Neufeld.

Betty Peterson leaves her vogue fashions to Helen Drake to be used with moderation.

Almina Allen, Hazel Doyle, Thelma Kissock and Willie Neislar bequeath their studious habits to Jacquette Reese, Ramona Whetzel, and Grace Connelly.

To Irma Talbott, Blanche McKeever bequeaths her ambitions to play the role of Ophelia.

Stanton Smith leaves his ability to argue with the faculty to Dauris Rogers.

Chester Howell bequeaths his ability to write liquid lyrics to Wilfred Stone in case he, too, should love a "Mary."

Doris Stewart leaves her scientific mind to Phillip Middlesworth.

Dick Bruce and Milton Moore bequeath their athletic fame to Harold Walker and Manley Hoppe.

Anne Bennison leaves her ability to establish Roosevelt friendships to Carol Anderson.

Virginia Osburn and Minerva Woodard bequeath their literary style to Mildred Hamm and Madeline Larson.

Homer King leaves his shyness to Lincoln Coate.

Milton Blanc bequeaths his power of mastication to Stanley Weiser, hoping that he, too, may keep it under control.

Spencer Hagen and Verle Wooton bequeath their ability to fascinate the weaker sex to Ray Fisher and Will Rutherford.

Kathryn Randall leaves her capacity for work to Catherine Torey.

Gerald Mefferd leaves his treasured hat to Harold Breed in the hope that it will receive the proper rejuvenation.

Pauline West leaves her habit of arriving at school before eight o'clock to Catherine Kensinger.

Byron Hollis bequeaths his ineligibility record to anyone who can surpass it.

Lastly, we make, constitute, and appoint Russell Fisher of West High to be executor of this, our last will and testament, the making of which was witnessed by us whose names are underwritten:

AL SMITH, CHARLES PADDOCK, THOMAS EDISON. RICHARD DIX,

CLASS DAY

The last Senior Class Day was held Tuesday, January the 24th, at two o'clock. The program opened with the address by the president of the class, Milton Blanc. At the conclusion of his address the class poem, written by Florence Thompson, was given. Kathryn Randall, and Blanche McKeever, two talented violinists, gave a violin duet.

The class will, which was declared to be the last will and testimony of the class of 1928, was read by Doris Stewart.

We then turned back to the serious part of the program and listened to the class oration on "The World War. Peace and the League of Nations," by Homer King.

The surprise part of the program was then presented, a brief history of West High. Stanton Smith proved to be a very interesting and accurate historian. He gave a number of very interesting incidents in the History of West High. The various members of the class illustrated the first formal party held at West High, the moving of West High from the old building downtown to the building on the corner of Fifteenth and Center, and the combining of the Junior and Senior schools.

Mr. Smith presented the Honoraria after which the class song, which was composed by Blanche McKeever, was sung by the entire class as they left the auditorium.

Class of June, '27

Adams, Paul
Agnew, Dorothy
Aliber, Morris
Andrus, Ruth
Arney, Gladys
Ashford, Wilbur
Bair, Phyllis
Barndollar, Dorothy
Beach, Mary
Beall, Ruth
Bennett, Dale
Benson, Ethel
Blackledge, June
Brinkman, Elizabeth
Byrkit, Helen
Campbell, Lester
Cale, Dorothy
Carnagan, Howard
Carmer, Ethel
Carmer, Lorene
Case, Dick
Chapman, Florence
Davis, Helen
Dickson, Arthur
Douglas, Avis
Dunlap, Maxine
Dyer, Ruth
Fairfield, Walter
Fillingham, Regina
Flick, Robert

Friend, Gerald
Gibson, Dick
Graef, Frederick
Gregory, Gregg
Haines, Millicent
Hamilton, Marian
Hart, Margaret
Hayes, Benita
Hirsch, Ray
Hoos, William
Hoyt, Eleanor
Huffman, Erma
Jensen, Arthur
King, Irene
Kraemer, Karl
Kraemer, Mary Louise
Lake, Kramer
Landis, La Vere
Letton, Chad
Lindquist, Arnold
Lingle, Oneita
Loar, Dale
Louis, Edmund
Mahler, Bothilda
Malley, Harold
Mann, Bernice
Mattison, Iva
Mickey, Evelyn
Moffett, John
Mulcahy, Max

Nelson, Dorothy
Olcott, Mabel
Olmstead, Martha
Oppenheim, Lenore
Parisi, James
Pearlman, Yale
Peirce, Bernice
Pierce, Mary
Ray, Ethel
Renner, Elizabeth
Riefsnyder, Dorothy
Samuels, Helene
Schnell, Bob
Schoonover, Ardel
Shay, Lucille
Sherriff, Marguerite
Smith, Leo
Snyder, Cecil
Teuber, Frances
Thiele, Carl
Thomas, Dolle
Trueblood, Grace
Volz, Josephine
Walker, Marlys
Webb, Clara
Webber, Thelma
Winchell, Frances
Wood, Dorothy
Wright, James

Class of August, '27

Namanny, Russell

Summers, Roy

Class of January, '28

Allen, Almina
Barber, Glen
Barr, Bessie
Bennison, Anne
Blanc, Milton
Bruce, Richard
Calhoun, John
Comer, Eldon
Donohoo, Manis
Doyle, Hazel
Gregory, Harold
Hafner, Bernice
Hagen, J. Spencer
Harvey, Harold

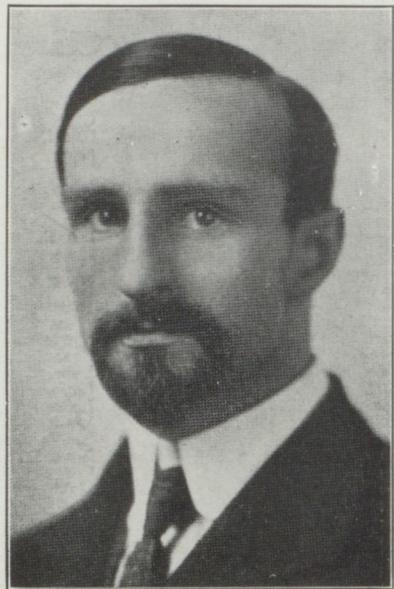
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Marohn, Pauline
Mefford, Gerald
Merritt, Maurice
Moore, J. Milton
Murphy, Ivan

Neislar, Willie
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Smith, Stanton
Stewart, Doris
Stump, Maxine
Thompson, Florence
Van Arsdale, Irma
Vierling, Vera
West, Pauline
Woodard, Minerva
Wootton, Verle

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Mr. Maurice Ricker, principal of West High School from 1907-1918



Mr. E. J. Eaton, principal of West High
School from 1918-1920



Mr. J. W. Studebaker, superintendent of schools



Mr. R. H. Smith, principal during the last semester

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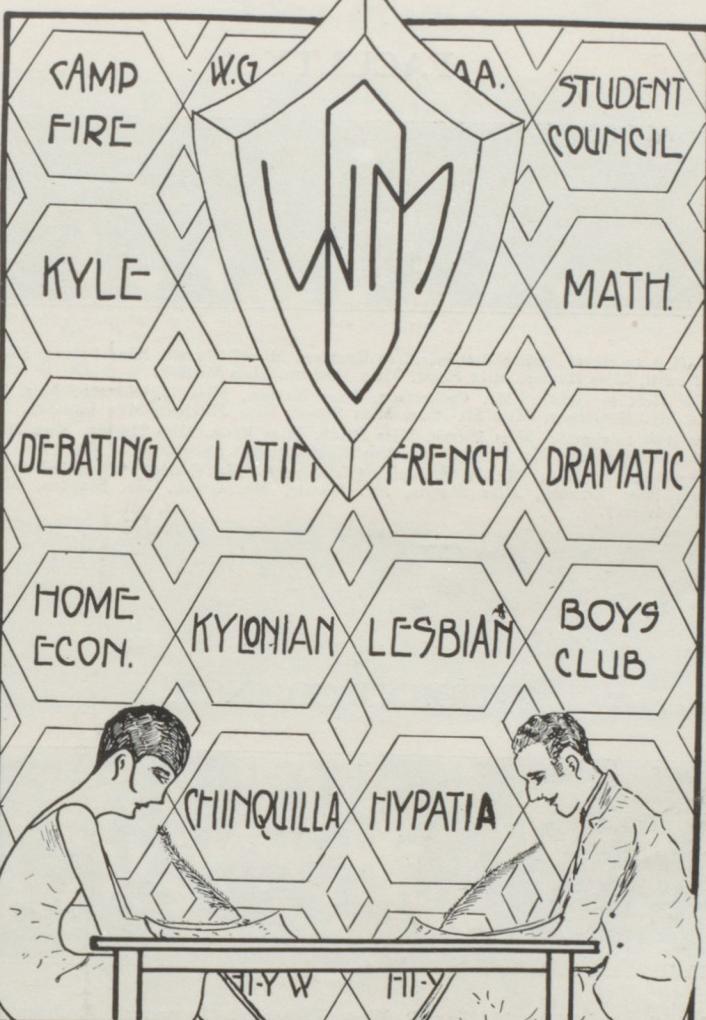
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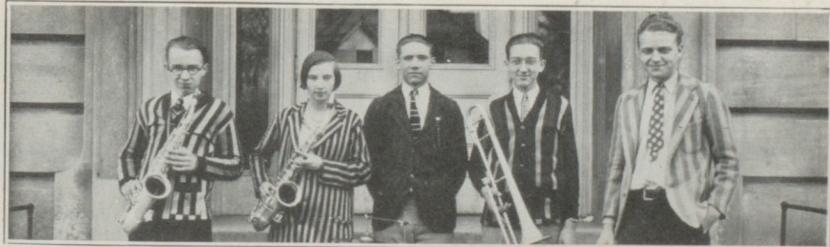
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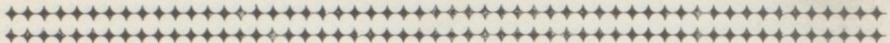


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From left to right: Dauris Rogers, Irma Talbot, Harris Holt, Manley Hoppe, John Bennett.



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Second Row (left to right): J. Toussaint, R. Blount, E. Drake, M. Hoppe, C. Mays, O. Brewbaker, R. Cook, W. Simmons, D. Rogers, K. Dahlman.

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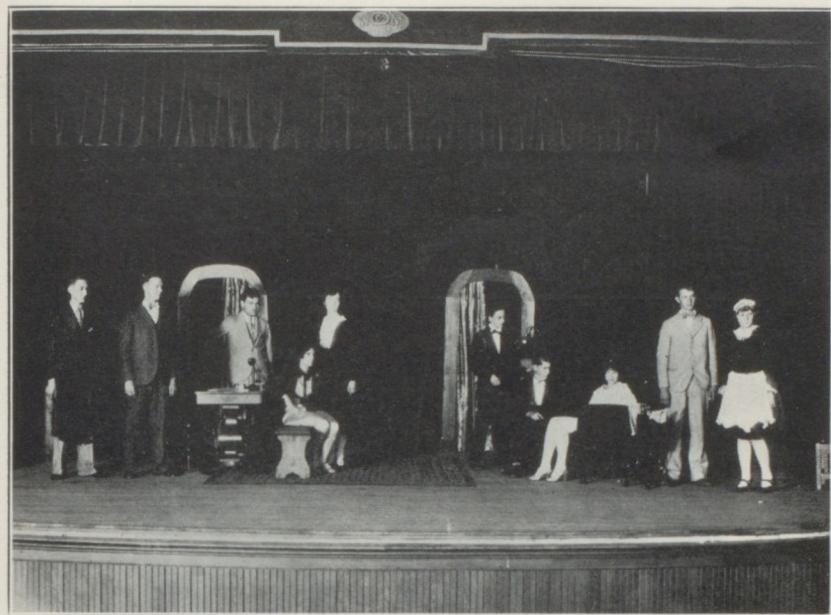
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Third Row (left to right): H. Sparks, J. Toussaint, E. Perkins, F. Wixom, H. Holt, Mr. Stanton. Fourth Row: P. Keith, M. Moore.



THE SENIOR PLAY, "ADAM AND EVA"

As a comedy, "Adam and Eva," the play presented by the January class of 1928 on October 28th, was one of the best plays ever presented at West High. Under the competent direction of Miss Ferree, the cast, which included three members from lower classes, performed exceptionally well.

The play is a story of an extravagant family, the father of which decided to take a vacation trip to South America. He left Mr. Smith, his business manager, in charge of his family. In order to make his charges more appreciative, Adam Smith pretended that the business of Mr. King was ruined and forced the family to move out on the farm, where they could "earn their salt". Mr. King, upon his return found his aristocratic family raising chickens. After much questioning, Adam Smith confessed that the whole story of the ruin was a fake. True to form, Adam and Eva were left happy in each other's arms as the curtain closed.

Verle Wooton in the role of Mr. King portrayed this character with a naturalness that was nothing short of remarkable. Uncle Horace, portrayed by Manley Hoppe, was a comedy in himself. Kathryn Randall as Eva, the charming young daughter of Mr. King, attracted the audience as well as two ardent suitors, Dr. Delemater and Lord Andrew. Blanche McKeever played the part of the elder daughter "Julie" exceptionally well. Gerald Mefferd as "Clinton" added a great deal to the success of the play.

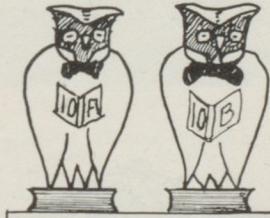
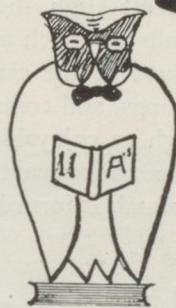
The cast included:

Mr. King.....	Verle Wooton	Eva King.....	Kathryn Randall
Aunt Abbey Rocker.....			Irma Van Arsdale
Uncle Horace.....	Manley Hoppe	Corinthia, the maid..	Pauline West
Adam Smith.....	Stanton Smith	Mrs. DeWitt....	Blanche McKeever
Mr. Clinton DeWitt.....			Gerald Mefferd
Dr. Jack Delemater.....			Harold Kempton
Lord Andrew Gordon.....			Everett Colton



Mr. Hubert T. Steeper, under whose splendid supervision and leadership the preceding group of seniors has received its instruction and training

UN CLAS — DER MEN



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When it was learned that West High Senior High School was to be abandoned at the end of the fall semester in January, the members of the present 12-B class felt themselves in a serious predicament. After attending our school for some three and one-half years, they found that their class was to be divided, some going to one school and some to another, and that they were to be unable to graduate from West High, the school that had given them their training and within the walls of which most of their true friendships had been formed. The members of the class, although unable to organize, were permitted to hold meetings, and committees were chosen to make their last semester in West High an enjoyable one and to bring together the whole class that they might become acquainted with one another. The committees appointed were the Formal, Informal, Picnic, and Banquet Committees.



SENIOR B'S



First Row (left to right): E. Soderland, L. Smith, G. Humphrey, V. Mackay, M. Kizer, M. McCormick, G. Page, S. Sonnenberg, A. Gillespie, H. Berning.
Second Row (left to right): C. Torey, G. James, F. Schmidt, S. Herbrecht, E. Perkins, M. Fry, M. Rice, M. Grant, J. Ortale.
Third Row (left to right): E. Michel, J. Patterson, I. Shive, E. Thornsberry, J. Sagers, L. Nicodemus, B. Irvin, J. Thompson, L. Coate.



First Row (left to right): F. Silke, M. Hodson, O. Adkisson, M. Mahaffa, L. Ahrens, C. Kensing, P. Slater, L. Huff, C. Anderson, R. Chambers.
Second Row (left to right): M. Hoppe, D. Wade, M. Doyle, F. Garsh, D. Annear, M. Clemons, H. Jenkins, H. Knipp, E. Drake, E. Slye.
Third Row (left to right): H. Kempton, S. Kelso, F. McNeiley, F. Wixom, D. Rogers, S. Weiser, J. Williams, V. Woods, P. Beall, L. Van Closten.
Fourth Row (left to right): J. Bennett, S. Malum.

THE SENIOR B PICNIC

It is usually customary for the Senior A's to hold their annual picnic sometime during the fall or spring. This year, however, the Senior B's also held a picnic in view of the fact that they will not be 12 A's at West High. The time was set for 4:00 o'clock, October 10th. Soon after school a large crowd of 12 B's gathered at the Center Street entrance to find out just where they were supposed to go, as no one seemed to know anything about it. It turned out to be a treasure hunt. Two cards were found tacked to the doors. One of these was green and the other was pink, but both had instructions telling where the next clue might be found. By drawing colored slips from a hat, the group was divided into two parts, the holders of pink slips and those of green slips. Each person followed the directions found on the cards of his particular color. After visiting a number of places such as the Hoyt Sherman Place and the Ford plant, they at last arrived at the Eighteenth Street Bridge. There appeared to be no signs or clues telling where to go to next, so it was decided that the water plant would probably be the next stop. However, before they had arrived at the water plant, Mrs. Brooks was discovered across the road from the plant where the picnic was to be held. It was learned here that there was a treasure hidden in the immediate vicinity. Fanny Garsh seemed to have a very good idea of just where the place was but refused to give any information to anyone else. Marion Kizer was the lucky one and discovered the "all-day sucker."

The boys were called upon to build a fire and everyone was detailed to gather wood. This work was soon accomplished and all appeared to be hungry enough to appreciate something to eat. Sticks were secured from neighboring bushes and wieners were roasted on them. Mr. Smith seemed to enjoy the hot cocoa quite as much as anyone else. It was soon found that marshmallows had been provided and there was a general scramble for them.

After the remains of the repast had been cleared away, someone suggested that they play "Run sheep run" and the suggestion was heartily agreed to. At the close of this game, it was discovered that most of the students were thoroughly "stuck up" with burrs, and a good bit of time was spent in removing them. Mrs. Brooks stated that she had never played "Barnyard Chorus". A number of those present volunteered to teach her. A number of people also received instructions in playing "Rabbit." After this Severt Malum's Ford managed to transport the crowd to the city and the picnic became a delightful memory.

THE INFORMAL

It was on Friday night, the 18th of November, that a number of boys brought their best girls to the school gymnasium to enjoy the 12 B informal party. Every one present was pleased with the form of program that followed. The plans were rather unique in as much as the first half of the evening was spent in playing games instead of devoting the entire time to dancing. This type of party proved to be very satisfactory as it afforded amusement for both the non-dancers and the dancers. The games were arranged and supervised by Florence Wixom in a very excellent way. The



group was first divided into four teams with a leader for each. The captains for the different sides were: Paul Beall, Lewis Huff, Ivan Shive, and Stanley Weiser. After everything was completely organized the fun began. There were eight contests and the heads of the various divisions appointed members to represent them in each. For first place in the affairs an award of five points was given. After the tournament was over the number of points won by each team was compiled, revealing the fact that Lewis Huff's team had won the bag of peanuts with a grand total of fifteen points. During the time in which these games were being played, the teams appeared to be very hostile one to another; however, as soon as the prize had been awarded, the competitors flocked about the winners in a most friendly manner. It is barely possible that these people wanted a peanut or two, if not more. It was about this time that the orchestra arrived on the scene and the dancing part of the program commenced. The music was rendered by a very clever organization composed of students from Roosevelt High. We are all indebted to Carol Anderson for the service of this splendid orchestra, for it was through her efforts that this group was engaged. To Dauris Rogers a great deal of thanks and appreciation should be given for the success of the party as he furnished the lighting effects which lent beauty to the scene.

SENIOR B FORMAL

The good-will of the Christmas season, which radiated from every individual, contributed to the unusual success of the Senior B Formal, a notable event of December 22nd. Being the only holiday dance of the year, it attracted numbers of students in the Senior school.

The forty couples who attended were delighted with the simple, yet adequately, decorated gym. The vari-colored lights created an air of the unreal, which served to stimulate friendliness among the dancers.

The committee secured a very satisfactory orchestra whose music was entrancing. The services of Al Levich and his fellow-players were obtained by John Bennett.

After the dance was well-started, the couples formed a double line, marched to the Christmas tree, and received from Santa Claus unique favors on which were numbers for the elimination dance which followed. This proved to be very enjoyable. The winners were Carol Anderson and Lincoln Coate. Each received a prize.

During the intermission a special feature dance, given by Virginia and Vernice Anderson, was greatly appreciated by everyone. The performance was unusually clever and helped to give this class formal an atmosphere of individuality.

The committee, composed of fifteen members of the 12 B class, worked willingly and industriously to make this event successful. They sold an unusual number of bids and helped with the making of the programs. The group was composed of: Marjorie Mahaffa, Chairman; Paul Beall, John Bennett, Lloyd Shelton, Bede Irvin, Harold Kempton, John Ortale, John Patterson, Ivan Shive, Donnabelle Smith, Catherine Torey, Catherine Kensingher, Hilda Berning, Florence Schmidt, and Sophia Sonnenberg.

This formal was an outstanding event of the Senior B Class functions and offered an admirable opportunity for the development of friendship.



12-B BANQUET

As a grand finale to the 12 B functions, a banquet was held on the evening of January eleventh in the West High Cafeteria.

The subject used for the toast program, although rather queer, was a very appropriate one. At the student council-faculty conference held at Commerce, Iowa, a certain member of this unfortunate class arose and, after a lengthy oration, closed with the following remark: "We 12 B's are surely getting horsed!" Not having forgotten that incident, as this expression has been used several times since, it was decided that the subject should be "Horsed."

Lewis Huff, acting as toastmaster, introduced the following speakers:

H—Dauris Rogers
O—Catherine Torey
R—Glorene Humphrey
S—Ivan Shive
E—Marjorie Mahaffa
D—Mr. Smith

Many special features added to the glory of the occasion. The decorations and place cards were of course very "horsy." The programs contained a picture of a horse with a rather wild disposition, who, in raising up his hind legs had kicked over a bucket of water labeled the 12 B's. As the water flowed in all directions, so the students of this class will go out of West High to find a place in which to finish their education. The menu appeared in "horse" terms, and proved the assertion that Horse Meat is really "marvelous eating."

Several added attractions, including dinner music, added to the good time which was enjoyed by all.

The committee in charge of the banquet deserves much credit for its success. It was made up of the following:

CHAIRMAN—Edward Slye.

PROGRAM—Manley Hoppe, Stanley Weiser, Glorene Humphrey, Norvin Myers.

BANQUET—Marion Kizer, Severt Malum, Mildred Clemons, Sam Kelso.

DECORATIONS etc.—Margaret McCormick, Dauris Rogers, Helen Jenkins, Edgar Michel, Francis Silke.

THE DESTINY OF THE 12-B CLASS

With the closing of West High as a Senior school, it is very interesting to note that the 12-B class will be scattered among the three schools; North Roosevelt, and East. Those who will go to North High will be Lucille Ahrens, Carol Anderson, Dorothy Annear, Paul Beall, John Bennett, Hilda Berning, Ethel Bond, Letha Buckley, Mildred Clemons, Lincoln Coate, Margaret Doyle, Edwin Drake, Max Fry, Fannie Garsh, Annabel Gillespie, Susie Herbrecht, Mary Hodson, Manley Hoppe, Lewis Huff, Glorene Humphrey, Bede Irvin, Helen Jenkins, Sam Kelso, Harold Kempton, Marion Kizer, Finis McNeiley, Virginia Mackey, Severt Malum, Edgar

Michel, Lester Nicodemus, Neil Norton, John Ortale, Genevieve Page, John Patterson, Edward Perkins, Mary Phelan, Roy Ramsay, Meyer Rice, Dauris Rogers, Ivan Shive, Frances Silke, Lloyd Shelton, Pauline Slater, Edward Slye, Donnabelle Smith, Elsie Soderland, Sophia Sonnenberg, Jack Thompson, Katherine Torey, Dorothy Wade, Stanley Weiser, James Williams and Florence Wixom. The following students will attend Roosevelt next semester: Helen Knipp, Margaret McCormick, Florence Schmidt, Gladys James, Catherine Kensinger, William Gusland, and Marjorie Mahaaffa. Our class will be represented at East High by John Sagers. Not one of our members will attend Lincoln during the latter half of the school year.

11 A's



Front Row (left to right): J. Allison, L. Norton, J. Spencer, H. Peggs, G. Anderson, A. Young, H. Drake, R. Olmsted, F. Sneddon, O. Devine.

Second Row (left to right): D. Grimm, J. Marsh, R. Ganschow, L. Robinson, A. Amick, M. Dutton, B. McDaniels, G. Jasper, D. Olson, A. Santiago.

Third Row (left to right): R. Wertsch, K. Walton, J. Colburn, G. Mains, N. Myers, M. Hunter, K. Shankland, B. Holmes, E. Westphahl, F. Cornell.

Fouth Row (left to right): E. Newcomb.



Front Row (left to right): O. Saunders, A. Heaps, E. Jackson, B. Silke, G. Ralston, J. Youngerman, W. Stone, M. Crawford, B. Polen.

Second Row (left to right): M. Nicholson, R. Heninger, B. Boesrup, M. Hamm, A. Benson, R. Whetzel, M. Newcomb, D. Clark, W. Lantz, P. Middlesworth.

Third Row (left to right): W. Rutherford, C. Hull, Ray Fisher, I. Shaw, W. Brown, C. Hull, H. Breed, C. Gayer, A. Van de Venter.

Fourth Row (left to right): K. Dahlman, Russell Fisher.

11 B's



Front Row (left to right): H. Streepey, C. Martin, M. Traister, C. Kurtz, M. Halsey, A. Jansen, A. Warrington, L. Perkins, E. Winachor, J. Rudek.
Second Row (left to right): M. Larson, M. Gibbons, G. Connelly, G. Dobson, E. Guild, F. Bell, L. McFarland, I. Carson, J. Giegold, R. Burris.
Back Row (left to right): D. McKay, E. McCorkle, W. Hawkins, J. Allen, L. Diehl, G. Jennings, R. Wray, H. Harlan, S. Jacobson, J. Hayes.



Front Row (left to right): N. Olsen, M. Hoth, L. Burt, M. Sheriff, Z. Wadsworth, D. Norton, H. Northrup, W. Kinzle, L. Darland, F. Hawkins.
Second Row (left to right): W. Redden, M. Blackledge, L. Baxter, F. Crary, M. Rowen, R. Hall, V. Morain, C. Jensma, L. Nazarena, E. Sharp, M. Cotnam.
Third Row (left to right): J. Sandberg, E. Neufeld, F. Lichty, H. McLaughlin, H. Lewis, W. Ashby, C. Hayward.
Fourth Row (left to right): E. Lindquist, L. Cory, H. Rice, B. Gibson, W. Frost, R. Shay.

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First Row (left to right): G. Green, W. Hull, B. Lacey, E. Colton, R. Stone, V. Hayner, G. Baird, D. Thomas, H. Patten.

Second Row (left to right): K. Morris, W. Neislar, A. Dewey, H. Fingeret, M. J. Griffith, M. Neff, J. Stokely, H. Harding, K. Colton.

Third Row (left to right): D. Orr, H. Sparks, H. Rogers, A. Bennett, C. Quaife, L. Eggenberger, J. Widis, D. Armington.



First Row (left to right): M. Efnor, M. McKirgan, G. Christensen, I. Rubesh, L. Landis, R. Parsons, A. Hulbert, B. Sanders, Z. Cassell, G. Vore.

Second Row (left to right): H. McLucas, B. Marohn, K. Bradfield, J. Aliber, G. Ganschow, A. Bishop, L. Gibson, G. Butts, M. Malsom, C. Reed.

Third Row (left to right): J. Everett, M. Johnson, M. Spuzzello, K. Baxter, J. Linn, T. Glassett, J. McFarland, W. Zimmerli, R. Blount, D. Drew.

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First Row (left to right): W. Drake, C. Elbert, C. Stradley, D. Howard, J. Bennett, J. Schlagel, E. Ferguson, F. Moore, E. Parisi, E. Masterson.

Second Row (left to right): J. Blackledge, M. Wilkinson, H. Franklin, C. Schmidt, H. Cox, M. Calhoun, M. Eaton, A. Schaefer, M. Mattausch, H. King.

Third Row (left to right): C. Tudor, F. Brundage, H. Carr, H. Roth, W. Carson, J. Noab, J. Taylor, G. Shuler, L. Jansen, L. Jury, M. Allen.

Fourth Row (left to right): R. Lane, F. Braden.

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First Row (left to right): F. McNeiley, H. Norton, M. Van Fleet, D. Marquis, W. Millington, A. Weiser, W. Coan, H. Ginspan, E. Mahaffa.

Second Row (left to right): R. Benson, F. Smithhart, E. Rowen, C. Strong, B. Cunningham, M. Himes, A. Knutson, W. Burke, J. Mossie, G. McLaughlin.

Third Row (left to right): E. Longnecker, J. Alexander, W. Nelson, C. Strombeck, J. Rush, F. Irvin, L. Crawford, R. Duffy, R. Draper, B. Elbert, V. Taylor.

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First Row (left to right): J. Toussaint, M. McClure, L. Jaffet, M. Steele, V. Bequeaith, V. Heskett, B. Thompson, M. Elliott, M. McPhee.

Second Row (left to right): M. Brand, L. Schoonover, D. Wilson, E. Gaumer, L. Welch, E. Johnson, M. Hayes, V. McWilliams, V. Himan, G. Smith.

Third Row (left to right): E. Talbot, G. Van Meter, M. Dudley, J. Eby, G. Dyer, A. Sims, T. Edgar, R. Gardner, H. Thompson.

Fourth Row (left to right): L. Pearlman, W. Simons, J. O'Brien, R. Chapman, G. Dixon, M. Becherman, B. Cunningham.



HISTORY OF BUILDING

In the beginning of all beneficial projects there are many objections, delays, and confusions. We find this to be true, not only in the organization of governments, but in the establishment of public school systems. This happened when the attempt was made to inaugurate public schools in Des Moines. The true good of a scheme, however, is determined by its ultimate achievement and, judged from this standpoint, West High, as a distinct part of the Des Moines school system has been a remarkable success.

Before 1850 the settlers in the vicinity of Des Moines made no provision for the education of their children. After that date, however, they established and supported a school which cared for grade and high school pupils and offered the same course to all. This crude semblance of an institution of learning was the embryo of public education in Des Moines. Its advancement was retarded by numerous conservatives who disregarded the undesirable location and limited opportunities of the school. As time passed the school was moved from a Methodist church to an unfinished court house and from there to a brick building at Ninth and Locust.

In 1864 it was decided to establish a separate high school at Sixth and School Streets in the 4th Ward Building. The first class, composed of three girls and one boy, was graduated in 1868. The school was moved several times in the next few years. When in 1865 the pupils occupied the new Lincoln Building, it was thought that a permanent site for the high school had been found. By 1888 the enrollment had so increased that the building at Fifteenth and Center streets was built. It was at the dedication in 1889 that the name, "West High," was first given to the school. The addition to the east of the first building was erected in 1902.

In 1888 it was thought that the newly-finished building would suffice for the next twenty-five years. The enrollment so increased that in 1915 fifteen hundred students were attending West High. In 1923 about eighteen hundred high school pupils were receiving their education in this institution. In the fall of that year Roosevelt High was opened and a Junior high installed at West in connection with the smaller senior school. Because of the westward trend of Des Moines' business section, enrollment decreased, and in 1927 it was deemed advisable to discontinue West High Senior School and to use the building for seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students. The pupils in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades were sent either to North or Roosevelt to complete their secondary education.

This is the story of the first high school of Des Moines—its origin, growth, and discontinuance. But more unusual than this is the history of the various ideals and traditions, clubs, and activities which were developed during its seventy-five years of existence. All of these were assimilated by the students, and every graduate of West High has been improved and broadened by his contact with the activities which the school has so thoroughly fostered. The school "West High" is no more, but the standards of the institution are indestructible, for they have become vital parts of the lives of hundreds of former students.

"For West High I Will"



LINCOLN BUILDING



WEST HIGH, 1889



WEST HIGH TODAY

THE CURRICULUM

In 1864 when West High was started, the main subjects in the two lower grades were arithmetic, geography, U. S. history, English, algebra, and music. In the two upper grades, Latin, English, higher mathematics, and science were taught. Science was stressed more after 1868. Every one had to take the same course.

In 1870 new subjects were added and electives offered. The Commercial Department was added in 1886, bookkeeping being the only subject offered. In 1889 shorthand and typing were added.

In 1890 the curriculum consisted of rhetoric, physiology, Latin, German, bookkeeping, American literature, commercial arithmetic, reading, manual training, botany, cooking, geometry, general history, commercial law, physical geography, French and trigonometry.

During the following year various subjects were added to the curriculum and others taken from it. In 1901 a college preparatory course, based on Latin was added. There was only one graduating class a year. Every graduate was required to take three semesters of algebra and two semesters of geometry. All students were required to take physical science.

In 1910 the subjects offered were English, modern languages, history, mathematics, science, home economics, commercial subjects, manual training, music, art, Latin, and physical culture.

The course was about the same until 1913 when office practice and two years of business English were added. In 1914 salesmanship was added. In 1916 Spanish was added and German dropped.

The requirements for graduation in 1916 were the same as now except for physical culture in which four units were required and credited toward graduation.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The governing body of West High is the Student Council, a group of representative pupils who are elected to their positions by the members of the entire school. This organization was instituted in 1919 and, during the nine years of its existence, has steadily increased its scope of operation to such an extent that its influence is felt in every division of school activity. In addition to this, its prestige has so grown that its regulations are, for the most part, willingly obeyed by a great majority of the student body.

The Student Council was organized by Mr. E. J. Eaton, Principal of West High, in 1918. At that time there were only five standing committees, but in 1927 there were in operation twenty. This system of extensive and wide-reaching committees is considered very successful be-

cause it includes the majority of West High students in its functioning.

As the work of the Student Council advanced, the members accepted the standard W. D. M. pin as the insignia for their organization.

This governing body has instituted numerous traditions for the school. In 1921 they accepted the now recognized school motto, "For West High I Will." This was suggested by Coach Harris who obtained the idea from the University of Chicago.

In 1925 the Student Council, under the supervision of Mr. H. T. Steeper, inaugurated a unique character training program. From that spring until 1928 conferences were held and vital questions considered under student leadership.

This governing body has indeed fulfilled its purpose. It has not only imposed student-made regulations upon the school, but has made clear the individual's duty in government.

KYLE CLUB

There is in our country a "National Honor Society of Secondary Schools." The Kyle Club of West High is a branch of that organization. The club received its name from Miss Cordelia Kyle whose efforts to improve scholarship in the school were outstanding.

For years in West High awards were given to athletes in the form of monograms and to those who were prominent in other lines of school activity, but no recognition was conceded to the student who was a scholar. It was the concensus of opinion that some definite honor should be bestowed upon those who received not only high grades, but those who had served the school, who possessed fine character, and who were leaders in the school. The outgrowth of this was the establishment of the Kyle Club in 1918.

It has been the custom to elect the first 10 percent of the class in 12-B semester and the next 5 percent in 12-A semester. No one can be elected whose average grade for the four years is less than two.

The emblem of the society is the flaming torch of knowledge on the background of the keystone. The letters C. S. L. S. are engraved on the base of the keystone. These stand for character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

The activity of the club will cease with the abandonment of West Senior High in January, 1928, but those who have received the honor of being elected to membership in this society will always be members of the national organization and will be benefited by it.

BAND AND ORCHESTRA

Since 1901, when they first came into existence, the Band and Orchestra have been important parts of West High School. An assembly would not be an assembly if the orchestra did not play its customary march at the beginning and the end, and a football game would not be a football game if there were no band to urge the spectators to cheer for the Maize and Blue and for the boys who were fighting for their school.

LITERARY ACTIVITIES

There are three types of West High clubs which might be termed literary; namely, language, forensic, and literary clubs. Each one of these dates back to a common predecessor—the first debating club, organized in 1885.

The first debating team to represent West High in a contest was composed of Sidney Mandlebaum, D. C. Sprague, and Lewis Van Hosen. They were all boys of seventeen years of age when they debated Simpson College and other college teams.

Between 1890 and 1900 there is mention of several clubs in the Tatler; however, no history is given of them.

In 1905 three language clubs were organized, the Latin, German, and French clubs. In 1910 the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. were instituted. In 1917 the Kylonian and Lesbian clubs were organized. In 1919 the College club, which is now the Hypatia Literary Society, was organized for the study of college courses and scholarships.

GLEE CLUBS

For thirty-four years Glee clubs have existed in West High. The first organization consisted of eighteen boys whose voices were not classified.

In 1894 the girls decided to organize a glee club and forty of them determined to make their club a greater success than the boys' club.

Through 1915 and 1917 Mr. Alfred Smith, now supervisor of music in the Des Moines schools, directed the boys, and Miss Elizabeth Burney had charge of the girls. These years proved to be the most profitable for the clubs.

ALUMNI SINCE 1923

In the spring of 1923 an advanced English class of West High School, with faculty leadership, edited a complete history of the institution. It was published during a year that is an epoch in the story of West High, for the next fall Roosevelt High was opened and the school was divided.

Now in 1928 the old school of the Maize and Blue is to be discontinued. This year marks not a turning point in its history, but the end.

Since 1923 fourteen classes have been graduated from the school. It was hoped that the "History" could be brought up to date. In lieu of such action, this section of the Annual has been turned over to a résumé of West High. The list which follows includes all graduates since 1923. This enumeration and the material in the "History of West High School" gives the entire story of the origin, growth, and end of the first Des Moines High School.

Class of August, '23

Anderson, Doyle J.
Byrkit, Rollin J.
Campbell, Leonard W.
Henderson, Robert F.
Langman, Mary M.

Layman, Donald W.
Lichty, Norman
Pitman, Paul A.
Reevart, Gerald H.
Schenk, Erwin L.

Thompson, Louise
Vierling, Erma
Ward, J. Mackenzie
White, Mildred
Winkler, Margaret

Class of January, '24

Albrecht, Leonard	Heckman, Marjorie	Reiley, Grace L.
Anderson, Don	Herman, Adine	Reynolds, Helen
Annear, Reed	Hoover, Marguerite	Roberts, R. Paul
Beadle, Helen	Infelt, James	Roe, Elizabeth
Bowers, Gilbert S.	Jones, Vera	Scott, Celia
Chase, Ruth	Kauffman, Don	Secor, Vida
Childress, Raymond	Koesling, J. Alfred	Sterling, Catherine
Colby, Charles W.	Koester, Emmons J.	Taylor, Constance Schoonover
Davis, Elizabeth	Lawson, Arthur	Tehan, Howard
DeCicco, Ralph	Liddle, Harriet	Thompson, Josephine Emma
Dole, Margaret	Lyons, Gwinn	Timm, Lela
Dorn, Lowell M.	McFarland, Ruth	Tutt, Wendell
Doyle, Pauline M.	Marlatt, Elizabeth	Webb, Gladys
Eberhart, Kingman	Morris, Ruth	Weld, Sara Lorretta
Flackman, Dorothy	Needham, Phillip	West, Wayne
Gilmore, John	Nichols, Dorothy	Wickwire, Gifford C.
Goodwin, Robert K.	Northrup, Irene	Woolman, Laurence C.
Gray, Marian	Parks, Adeline	Wright, Marian
Haycock, Lela	Ramsey, Viola	Young, Bernice
Hayne, Willard	Reed, Florence	Young, Chester
Head, Bernice		

Class of June, '24

Adey, Janet	George, Stewart W.	Riddell, Fae
Anderson, Vernice	Gibson, Roland	Robinson, Lillian
Anderson, Virginia	Griffith, Margaret	Romano, Egidio
Baie, Twila	Hamilton, Dillon	Rounds, Madeline
Ball, Helen C.	Hankammer, Leona	Roy, Glen
Balsley, Dorothy	Harden, Joseph	Rudolph, Thelma
Barnes, Carroll	Harrington, Florence	Sinskey, Harold
Barrum, Miriam	Harwood, John	Slinker, Dorothy
Becker, Maurice	Herriott, Roger	Slye, Charles
Bell, Lyman	Hubbell, Marvin	Smith, Donnell
Blair, Frances	Jackson, Helen	Smith, Dorothy
Bloodgood, Dorothy	Jansen, Martha	Stevens, Ward
Bradley, Claude	Johnston, Wanda L.	Stoutenburgh, Jencie
Bright, Robert	Jones, Margaret	Stubbs, Marjorie
Buckles, Robert Palmer	Laughlin, Margaret	Sullivan, Mary
Bullock, Lucille	Leamer, Helen	Talley, Gladys
Burgess, Marion	Lenhart, Olive J.	Tibbets, Daisy
Burnaugh, Claude	Linn, Ronald	Trueblood, Myron
Carlson, Dagna Linnea	Lockhart, William B.	Turner, Opal
Cavanaugh, Robert La T.	Lyons, Byron L.	Ungles, Howard
Clark, Clyde	Manatt, Walter	Ungles, Ruth
Cohen, A. Milton	Morehouse, Vega	Van Laningham, Marion
Coon, Eleanor	Morgan, Sue	Van Tress, Pearl
Cooper, Norman	Morrison, Ruth E.	Van Voorhis, Mark
Corwin, Charles	Nelson, Harriette	Veatch, Esther
Craig, Frederick S.	Olmstead, Blanche	Voss, Glen
Curtis, Ada Leona	Orebaugh, Margaret	Walker, Frances
Cutler, Charles E.	Page, Earl	Wall, Ira
Cutler, Leo	Pearis, Martha	Walters, Rita
Dean, Harold S.	Pearis, Mary	Westpfahl, Eva
Davis, Earl	Peterson, Catherine	Wickham, Jacob
Errett, Elizabeth M.	Peterson, Helen	Willey, Doyle
Eckert, Florence	Powelson, Ruth	Williams, Robertine
Eggenberger, Esther	Pringle, Virginia	Woods, Ruth
Elwood, Ilah Lucile	Proper, Glisan	Youtz, Boyd
Ford, Marjory	Rampton, Clarence	Kern, Elmer
Foster, Keith	Ramsay, Charles	Friend, Glenn
Foust, Portia	Reed, Dana	

Class of August, '24

Fiske, Thelma	Stieper, Herman	Warns, Eugene
Severson, Hughitt		

Class of January, '25

Bellomo, Grace
Boos, Charles
Brewbaker, Harold
Brinsmaid, Carolyn
Brindley, Joe
Burns, Robert
Carlson, Opal
Chandler, Eleanor
Cullen, George
Dickson, Charlotte
Fraser, Russell
Goodell, Ruth
Gibson, Burnette
Gill, Willis
Grouchy, Elizabeth

Gray, Devir
Grant, Lucille
Hartsook, Harriette
Haycock, Glenadine
Hurd, Lucile
Inman, Don
Jacobson, Mary
Johnson, Dorothy
Jones, Harry
Joyce, Irene
Kiskadon, Marguerite
Koenneman, Isabel
Larsh, David
Lazar, Mollie
Lutz, Edith

Myers, Dorothy
Nelson, Lorraine
Norris, Fred
Norton, Rose
Phillips, Norma
Riefsnyder, Pauline
Russell, Stewart
Stanley, Alfred
Smith, Floyd
Stoll, Jerry
Swain, Walter
Trapp, Wilma
Wilson, Helen
Wiseman, Henry

Class of June, '25

Akes, Floyd
Armington, Fred
Barkley, Lulu
Bates, Fern
Bennett, Derrick
Bennett, Eleanor
Blackledge, Ernestine
Blackledge, Imogene
Boyd, Mary
Brooks, Amy
Buchanan, Faye
Casey, Bernard
Carman, Homer
Castle, George
Cassell, Beatrice
Critz, Alice
Cramer, Verma
Cotten, Mary Ruth
Cox, Athaleen
Dutcher, Opal
Easton, Wayne
Eddy, Russell
Estess, May
Ennis, Iva
Fenlon, Margaret
Forby, Mary
Freburg, Kenneth
Frost, Helen
Gray, Emily
Grimes, Mae

Hansen, Mabel
Heileman, Caroline
Hiatt, Vivian
Hird, Fred
Hoak, Harry
Hoike, Thelma
Hutton, Dorothy
Irwin, Marjorie
Jansen, Evelyn
Knittle, Ruby
Larsh, Grace
Laughhead, Elizabeth
Lewis, Frances
Lust, Max
Mahler, Miriam
McCallum, Kathryn
McCue, Ray
Merrill, Thelma
Miller, Helen
Mitchel, James
Morain, Wanda
Meredith, Colene
Morgan, Mabel
Mould, Lea
Pearlman, Vera
Penniwell, Karl
Powell, Afton
Powers, Yula
Quail, Hazel
Randall, Ruth

Raridon, Wilford
Ray, Hazel
Rosenberg, Joe
Rounds, Josephine
Shearer, Ronald
Rusher, Eva
Smith, Lottie
Sorenson, Pearl
Stamper, Velma
Streitler, Bob
Stump, Dale
Teuber, Bruce
Thayer, Leroy
Thomas, Phillip
Thompson, Lena
Thompson, John
Tracy, Margaret
Trout, Loretta
Vetter, Herbert
Volz, Carl
Weeks, William
Wick, Leone
Wieland, Margaret
Wilson, Pearl
Wilson, Wayne
Wilson, Annie
Wright, Marvin
Wymer, Helen
Youtz, Homan

Class of August, '25

Alexander, Allen
Atkins, Glenn
Barnes, William

Butcher, Verona
Cordaro, Tony
Killibrew, Augustus

McClearn, Lyda Ashman
Mease, Quentin

Class of January, '26

Atwood, Gilford
Bliss, Cordy
Carter, Irene
Cassell, Mary
Clay, Clarrisa
Dudley, Leonard
Durfy, Ida May
Eggers, Bessie
Forster, Milton
Gibson, Dwight
Grant, Richard
Green, Jacob
Grill, George
Guye, Alice

Heskett, Merle
Hood, Donald
Hutchinson, Walter
Jacobs, Violet
James, Robert
John, Bowen
Kemp, Frances
Kenworthy, Mary
Kuyper, Harry
Lynn, Lucille
McCabe, Theresa
Newcomb, Earl
Nichols, Martha
Parvin, Louise

Peterson, George
Reeves, Lucile Boyce
Rise, Henry
Seary, Thomas
Schoonover, Rex
Stell, Leota
Suffel, Arlene
Thomas, Warren
Toombs, Paul
Ulm, Wayne
Williams, Margaret
Williams, Roger
Wilson, Rose
Wohlgemuth, Othmer

Class of June, '26

Ahrens, Esther E.
Allison, Harold
Anderson, Myrna
Anton, Ivan
Babel, Hubert
Barber, Faye
Barnes, Jack
Bass, Helen
Bay, Deane
Beeman, Virginia
Berens, Elizabeth
Berry, Helen
Bigelow, Kenneth
Bonnell, Mary Louise
Brayman, John
Brown, Marietta
Burke, Max
Burr, Edna
Cage, Vernon
Caldwell, Marie
Campbell, Hester
Carlson, Herman
Carr, Ruth
Clark, M. Eleanor
Davitt, Lester
Dixon, Erma
Eggers, Thomas
Eldridge, Thelma
Ellis, Ruth
Fields, Minnie
Flick, Margaret
Flynn, Florence
Fowler, La Nore Rigg

Furman, Lauren
Gammon, Pauline
Ganschow, Doris
Glasser, Lorhetta
Grant, Douglas
Griffith, Orel
Grund, Maurice
Hartman, Madolin
Hays, Doris
Hodson, Irma
Hood, Edgar
Jacobs, Dorothy
Jensma, Wilma
Jewett, Homer
Johnson, Villa Mae
Kekeis, Roberta
King, Robert
Kinzle, Julia
Kramer, Harry
Lancelot, Gwendolyn
Langman, Thomas
Lee, Robert
Lyons, Bessie
McGrevey, Madeline
Mansfield, Margaret
Masters, Marjorie
Miller, Doris
Miller, Wallace
Miller, Pharis
Mohler, Franklin
Moore, Everett
Moorehouse, Gretchen
Morris, Bessie

Morris, Yoland
Musgrave, Edgar
Myers, Gerald
Olmsted, Robert
Onthank, George
Ortale, Albert
Ortale, Thomas
Page, Helen
Perrine, Ardel
Pherrin, Helen
Piekenbrock, Maxine
Procise, James
Rank, Marie
Rees, Donald
Reynolds, Helen
Rogers, Octavia
Ross, Janet
Scanlan, Kathleen
Smith, Genevieve
Sorenson, Richard
Spencer, Ethel May
Stokely, Elizabeth M.
Thomas, Gwendolyn
Van Horn, Rolland
Van Winkle, Maxine
Ward, William
Webster, Dorothy
Willey, Leinad
Wilson, Evelyn
Winachor, Sara
Woodruff, Carolyn
Wright, Gerald
Youtz, Lucille

Class of August, '26

Rink, Frederick

Wenrick, Everett

Class of January, '27

Akes, Fred N.
Barr, Claire
Clark, Mona
Craig, Dorothy
Dixon, Winnie
Frowick, Roy
Gibson, Mary E.
Holmes, Mary L.

Jacobsen, Bennie
Larsh, John
McCartney, Esther
McCay, Dale
McClary, Robert
McDonald, Floyd
Miller, Virginia
Norton, Lena

Sandy, Lillian
Shepherd, Alfred
Slattery, Alice
Sutherland, Joe
Thorp, Guilda
Walker, Margaret
Wickham, Margaret
Wilson, Dorothy

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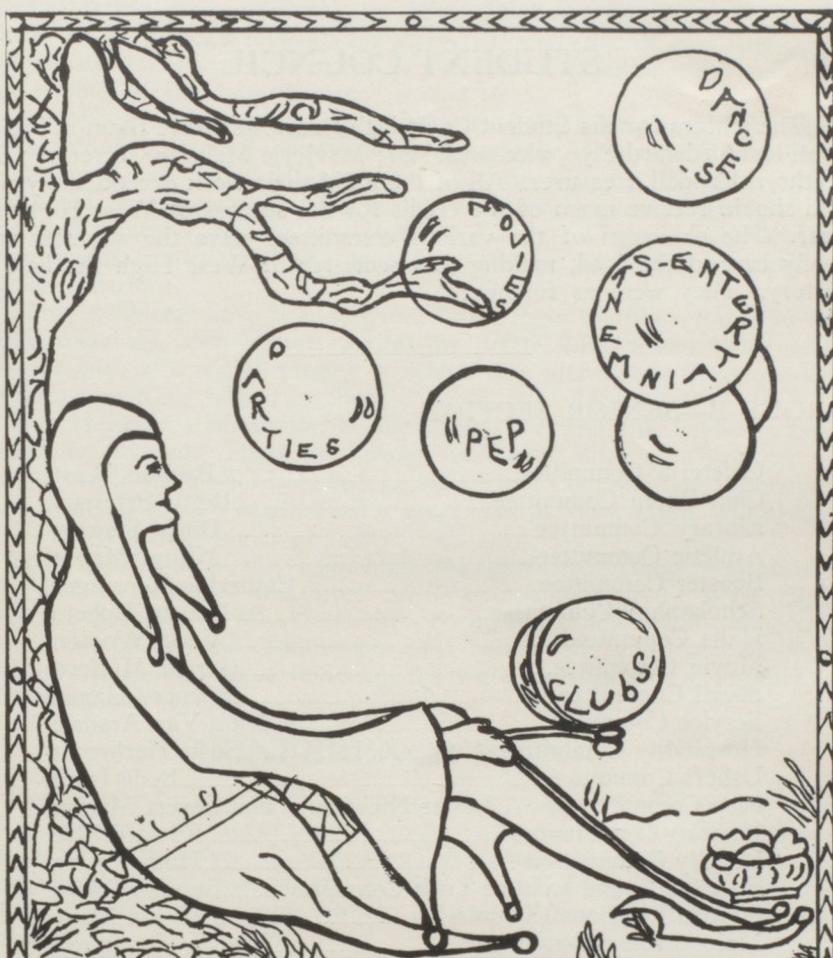


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STUDENT COUNCIL

The officers for the Student Council this semester were Stanton Smith, president; Edward Slye, vice-president; Marjorie Mahaffa, secretary; and Kathryn Randall, treasurer. All of these did their work exceptionally well and should receive much of the credit for the success of West High this year. The chairmen of the various committees were the students who really carried the load, making this semester in West High the best in history. They were as follows:

GROUP B—SENIOR SECTION

Cafeteria Committee.....	Pauline West
Club Room Committee.....	Betty Peterson
Library Committee.....	Doris Stewart
Athletic Committee.....	Milton Moore
Booster Committee.....	Catherine Kensinger
Scholarship Committee.....	Dauris Rogers
Halls Committee.....	Verle Wooton
Movie Committee.....	Gerald Mefferd
Social Committee.....	Spencer Hagen
Service Committee.....	Irma Van Arsdale
Hospitality Committee.....	Susie Herbrecht
Ushers Committee.....	Bede Irvin
Play Committee.....	Lester Nicodemus and Severt Malum
Honesty Commission.....	Edward Slye
Loyalty Commission	Homer King
Social Life and Leisure Time Commission.....	Stanton Smith
Human Relations Commission.....	Milton Blanc
Major-Minor Committee.....	Florence Thompson
Tatler Annual.....	Homer King
Tatler Weekly.....	Fannie Garsh
Senior Class.....	Milton Blanc
Grounds Committee.....	Paul Beall
Junior Council.....	Edward Slye

The basic idea underlying the principle of committee administration in student government is that specialization breeds efficiency. This is an age of division of labor and specialization. Each man is trained to do a certain thing. Certainly it is fitting that boys and girls while in high school should learn to be responsible for and perform a given task.

CHARACTER COMMISSIONS

For sixteen years education in West High consisted mainly in the gaining of knowledge through the study of mathematics, the languages, English, history, and the sciences. In the year 1925 another division was added—that of building character.

In the beginning a group of the leaders of the school organized themselves into five general commissions—Character, Democracy and Race Relations, Social Life, Honesty, and Leisure Time. Then, as work progressed, the character training was divided into more specialized groups. This past semester, having combined the Leisure Time and Social Life Commissions, a new field was opened by adding one which pertained to Human Relations.

Many problems have been discussed and their solutions found in the weekly meetings, open forums, and at the Boone Conferences. These discussions have affected all phases of school life, and almost every student has been materially helped by them.

The Honesty Commission is the oldest one and the field has been practically covered. There are always points of interest which can be brought out in the Social Life and Leisure Time Commission. Democracy and Loyalty, although emphasized a great deal in West High, will always be discussed in the school of today.

With the closing of the senior high this character building program will close, but its influence will affect all who took part in it. West High, under the direction of Mr. H. T. Steeper, opened a new field of education when it established the commissions. Of late several other schools in all parts of the country have taken up the work, and its future appears to be very promising.

CONFERENCE PICNIC

Preliminary to making this semester the most successful of any thus far in West High, a conference picnic was held at the Elbert State Park in the latter part of September. Although this was a part of the Character Building program, the Student Council formed the bulk of the attendance, who, with many teachers, discussed plans for the betterment of the school.

The time was divided between two conferences which were led by two of the chairmen—Homer King and Stanton Smith. The first of these, which was held in the afternoon, dealt with the subject "How May the Students and Faculty Better Co-operate to Carry Out the Character Building Program?" The evening discussion concerned the present conditions about our school and what could be done to improve them. Mr. Steeper, our former principal, led inspirational devotions before each conference.

A splendid picnic supper was served by Mrs. Anderson at 5:30 o'clock, and this was followed by a short recreational period.

The results of this conference were many and important. A more friendly feeling between the students and teachers was established, and many concrete suggestions were made for the betterment of the school. This meeting proved very successful as a forerunner to the semester's annual Character Conference at Boone.

BOONE CONFERENCE

On a little stretch of level ground overlooking the Des Moines River as it flows quietly on its way, is located the Des Moines Y. M. C. A. Camp. The camp is nestled at the foot of a great hill that towers above the buildings, and the gigantic bulk of the hill seems to keep guard over this little bit of civilization so located in God's great out-of-doors. The camp is seven miles north of Boone in the heart of a piece of territory which is beautiful to see. It is a land of hills, canyons, and vegetation.

It was here that the fourth semi-annual Boone Conference was held. A group of over one hundred West High boys and girls with a few members of the faculty met here to discuss their mutual problems of the school. The student members of the conference were the leaders of the school who were interested in building for themselves fine characters and in improving West High.

All the members of the group started in cars for Boone on Saturday morning, September 15, and arrived at the camp in time for the picnic lunch at noon. The first conference was held Saturday afternoon when discussion on "Friendships" was led by Stanton Smith.

The evening conference was held again in "Elkhorn Lodge" and a very interesting discussion was led by Milton Blanc. It dealt with standards for ideals and attainments, both in school and in business, and the student's sense of responsibility in regard to an especial duty.

The third conference was held on Sunday morning when Homer King led a discussion on the subject of "The Attitude of Commission Members Toward Ideals."

After a splendid meal at noon, prepared by Mrs. Anderson from our own cafeteria, and her assistant, the group assembled under the giant elm in front of the lodge and the findings of the conference were read and approved.

It must not be thought that all of the time was spent in conference session, for boating, hiking, and baseball afforded recreation for those present. The boys and girls even ventured to play a game of football. The campfire on Saturday night was a source of pleasure to all.

A group of North High students and faculty attended the conference and, from all appearances, enjoyed it immensely.

The results of such a conference as this can not be shown in a material way or measured in terms of material things, for the results are intangible; but one hundred boys and girls, trained in citizenship and impressed with the responsibility which is theirs, to live cleanly and serve others, can and will be a decided influence for good in their community, and nation.

THE WEEKLY TATLER

The Weekly Tatler has attempted to make its last semester issues the best that have ever been printed. Judging from the letters of commendation from other school papers, both inside and outside of the United States, we have had a very satisfactory front-page "make-up." The circulation has been seven hundred and twenty-five, which is a very good showing for a school having an enrollment of one thousand junior and senior students. The first page of the Tatler has been devoted to news of school activities. The second has contained editorials, literary features, news of organizations, news of the world, and news from other schools. The third page was given over to the junior high. The fourth page has been filled with news of school events and athletics.

The Weekly has been very helpful in putting over drives, campaigns, and social functions. In each of its fifteen issues some news about attractive and interesting events has appeared. By courtesy of the Tribune-Capital, it has been possible to publish pictures from time to time. These decidedly improved the issues. The success of the Tatler, however, was due to the splendid co-operation and loyal support of the student body. The members of the staff were as follows:

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ASSEMBLIES

One of the most enjoyable assemblies held this year was the homecoming assembly held during the first part of the semester. The program which was planned and presented by Mr. Meier, consisted of an introduction of Mr. Smith to the old grads; a welcome to the old grads by Stanton Smith; a response to this welcome by Mr. O. B. Devine; two numbers by Katherine Fletcher, an accomplished cellist; a piano selection by Ruth Goodell; two violin solos by Theodore Mehlin; and a reading by Elizabeth Brinkman. The following part of the program was given by present students: a vocal solo by John Calhoun; and two violin numbers by Bernard Mason. A few words of encouragement were given by Mr. Studebaker and a short talk by Mr. Steeper closed the assembly.

An idea of the school life in Kentucky was given by a group of boys from Caney Creek Community Center on September 21 in an assembly. The program was given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and under the direction of Mr. Crawford.

The first Girls' Pep Squad made its appearance in a pep assembly held on September 29. A new song to the tune of "Hello, Cutie," was introduced.

The last East-West assembly, held in preparation for the annual game with East High, was held on October 13. The first part of the program was conducted by Mr. Smith in observance of annual fire-prevention week, and we were honored in having Mr. Hunter, present mayor of Des Moines, speak to us. Fire Chief Brown also spoke. The program was then turned over to Mr. Meier who introduced the pep speakers. These speakers were Mr. Pritchard of East, Roy Summers, and former captains Everett and Orebaugh. Mr. Slinker, teacher at West some years ago, then spoke.

The Kyle Club held its regular initiation assembly on October 25. Mr. Smith first spoke on education, after which the curtains were drawn and the regular ceremony was conducted by Stanton Smith. As the names of the new members were read the following took their places on the platform: Marjorie Mahaffa, Dauris Rogers, Dorothy Annear, Edward Slye, Spencer Hagen, Fannie Garsh, Maurice Merritt, Verle Wooton, Stanley Weiser, and Gerald Mefferd. The constitution was read, after which Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service were discussed by Kathryn Randall, Florence Thompson, Milton Blanc and Homer King. The pledge of the club was then given in unison.

On November 7, West High students were entertained in an assembly given to advertise the Welfare Drive. Several scenes of the Welfare work were presented by the students.

The Armistice Day assembly in honor of the eighteen West High boys who died in the war, was opened by Mr. Smith who introduced Mr. Robert Colflesh, a former student of our school. A very impressive scene of a soldier lying at the base of the Statue of Liberty was revealed on the stage. A silent moment was then observed and the flag salute was led by Julius Fidler. The pageant of the nations was then presented after which the parade formed at the Fifteenth Street entrance to go to Goode

Park. A tree was then planted by Mr. Frank Bellizzi in memory of his brother. Camp Fire Girls next placed wreaths, on which the names of the dead soldiers were written, at the foot of the trees which had been previously planted in two straight rows. The students then sang "America" and the program was ended by the blowing of taps.

A very interesting assembly was held early in the semester by the Student Council. A regular meeting was held on the stage before the student body so that all might understand how such meetings were conducted.

ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

*Blow out, you bugles over the rich dead!
There's none of these so lonely and poor of old,
But, dying, has made us rarer gifts than gold,
These laid the world away; poured out the red
Sweet wine of youth; gave up the years to be
Of work and joy, and that unhop'd serene,
That men call age; and these who would have been,
Their sons, they gave, their immortality.*

RUPERT BROOKE.

On November 10 an assembly was held in the auditorium to commemorate the memory of

Henry C. Barber	Harry Martin	Paul Sloan
James V. Bellizzi	George Mason	Glenn I. Tenney
Clifford H. Craig	Wm. N. Moore	Clarence Towne
Rodney Crowley	Glenn Morrow	Joe White
James Glenn Holman	David Anshutz Mott	Cecil Ware
Harrison C. McHenry	Charles C. Seavers	Charles Brindley

These gave the full measure of devotion to their country that their people might better live. Fine specimens of manhood they were, as they marched bravely to their fate.

Mr. Robert Colflesh, a former student of West High and now commander of the Argonne Post, was the speaker for the occasion. He vividly told of his experiences in the World war and of the conditions surrounding the life of our own boys in France. Mr. Colflesh challenged the students to hold steadfast to the principles for which these boys gave their lives.

After the inspirational talk the assembly saluted the flag. The audience remained silent for a moment to honor the memory of the soldiers.

As a preliminary program to the tree planting ceremony at Goode Park, a pageant was presented by members of the school. The curtain rose and revealed an unknown soldier lying at the base of a Statue of Liberty. After this tableau the Spirit of Justice summoned the four allies of the World war. Memory appeared and read the names of our boys

who gave their lives in the war. Memory then called forth the spirit of the tree.

At the call of the bugle, we made our way in solemn procession to Goode Park where eighteen trees were planted, one for each West High fallen soldier.

This program was particularly fitting since each student bore in mind the purpose and significance of the ceremony, to make the memory of our lost boys everlasting.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Since West High first organized a debating team, forensic activity has been an important line of the extra-curricular schedule. Varying interest has been taken by different administrations, but for the past few years, public speaking has been the source of much keen inter-school competition. Extemporaneous speaking, debating, and oratory are the three branches of this type that are offered by the Des Moines High Schools. The contests are held in the different buildings and have resulted in friendly rivalry and the thorough development of an unusual feeling of good sportsmanship.

Extemp Contest

The only forensic activity in which representatives from Des Moines High Schools competed during the fall semester, was the extemporaneous speaking contest. This competitive meet was held in the West High auditorium Friday, December 9, before the senior high pupils and numerous visitors from other schools. West High's speakers placed in such rank that the honors of the contest were awarded to the Maize and Blue. The other schools rated as follows: Roosevelt, second; North, third; East, fourth; and Lincoln, fifth.

For several weeks before the contest Miss Ferne Ferree coached a number of people who wished to try out for the extemp. team. On December 5, three judges from the faculty chose Marjorie Mahaffa and Homer King as West High's entries. The former drew for her speech the subject, "Commercial Aviation." The latter spoke on "Results of the Geneva Naval Conference."

The contest was judged by Dean Barr of Drake, Dean Bennett of Des Moines University, and Rall Grigsby, the principal of Amos Hiatt. The ten contestants were placed by each judge and the tabulated results gave the following students the first five places: Marjorie Mahaffa (West), first; Leon Betensky (North), second; John Butler (Roosevelt), third; David Bair (Roosevelt), fourth; and Homer King (West), fifth.

These extemporaneous speaking contests were first inaugurated in 1922. West High's record in this line of forensics is most unusual, for, of the series of five meets, she won first laurels in three of the five contests. A speaker from West was awarded first place in four of the events. By winning the contest in 1927, West High made more pronounced her success in this type of competition.

Debating

Since the inter-school debating tournament is held in February, there was no group of students this past semester which was known as the West High debating team. Numerous pupils, however, followed this line of public speaking, either with the Roosevelt or with the North High squads.

Miss McCall co-operated with Mr. Hofer of North High and coached a group of people who in December tried out for places on the North High team. This group included Isabell Carson, Fannie Garsh, Florence Bell, and Stanley Weiser. These people met frequently with Miss McCall for discussions and occasionally with Mr. Hofer and the North High squad for official work.

Three students studied with the Roosevelt debate squad under Mr. Carruthers. These people were Catherine Kensinger, Marjorie Mahaffa, and Floyd Cornell.

Several of these students were placed either on the North or Roosevelt team by the respective coaches. Though there was no West High squad, the school backed debating and furnished valuable material for the other schools.

MOVIES

This semester the students of West High received a great deal of pleasure from movies. Movies have been shown in assemblies, at lunch time, and at evening affairs. The noon movies have consisted of news reels, educational and scientific pictures, comedies, and feature pictures such as the "Life of Abraham Lincoln." The first evening movie was an educational and descriptive picture called "Nanook of the North." It was shown free of charge to all Tatler subscribers and was a great help in getting subscriptions. The next evening movie was a comedy called "The Hoosier Schoolmaster." This was very well attended and greatly enjoyed. At the pep party November 10, previous to the Boone game, two reels of "Exciting Moments of Big Games" were shown, and liked by all. Other interesting pictures have been shown and they have all helped in making this the biggest and best semester for West High.

The equipment which made possible the showing of these films was purchased for an approximate sum of five hundred dollars. The "Holmes Projector" was set up in the rear of the balcony and enclosed in a fire-proof steel cage. This necessitated the removal of a few seats in the balcony. A large screen was purchased and arranged as a part of the stage equipment so that it could be lowered or raised as the occasion demanded. The movie equipment was placed under the management of the chairman of the Student Council movie committee, Gerald Mefferd, and Mr. Goodell, the faculty adviser.

Most of the movies were shown free of charge, but occasionally an admittance fee, never exceeding ten cents, was charged. The movies have been a decided success thus far, and will probably be even more so when our school is occupied entirely by junior high students.

KYLE CLUB

When school started this fall in September, there were only six active members in the Kyle Club. These were Stanton Smith, Homer King, Kathryn Randall, Milton Blanc, Irma Van Arsdale, and Florence Thompson. October 25 an assembly was held in the auditorium and the following students were initiated: Spencer Hagen, Verle Wooton, Gerald Mefferd, Maurice Merritt, Marjorie Mahaffa, Fannie Garsh, Dorothy Annear, Stanley Weiser, Dauris Rogers, and Edward Slye. The following week an election was held and the following officers were chosen: Edward Slye, president; Dauris Rogers, vice-president; Dorothy Annear, recording secretary; Fannie Garsh, corresponding secretary; and Stanley Weiser, treasurer.

The annual banquet was held at the Younkers Tea Room November 30. The dinner was enjoyed by all present, after which five toasts were given by Stanton Smith, Dorothy Annear, Milton Blanc, Fannie Garsh, and Mr. Smith, our principal. The guests of the evening were Mr. Smith, Mrs. Brooks, Miss Hovey, and George Huff, an alumnus.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

This last semester has proved to be one of the most successful in the history of our school in the number of social affairs and the enjoyment gained from them. Every effort has been made to provide entertainment for everyone, and all types of students have been considered in the preparation of the program for the various social affairs. Free dancing lessons were given to those who cared to learn how to dance, and some non-dancing parties were given.

The 12-B affairs, the Boys' Club dance, the French Club dance, the Latin Club party, the W. G. A. A. dance, the Home Ec. Kid party, and other social events received their share of attention.

Under the very efficient direction of Spencer Hagen, the Social Chairman of the Student Council, Ruth Chambers, and Jacquette Reese, the most successful social hours West has ever known were held this semester. A peppy service orchestra, under the direction of Erma Talbott, furnished the music for the dances. It was made up of three West High students and three Roosevelt pupils. A large group of senior high boys and girls filled the gymnasium every Friday evening from 3:30 until 4:30. These social hours were begun as soon as cold weather made impossible outdoor sports and continued until the close of West High in January.

The two big all-school affairs of the year were the Pep Party and the Football Party. The Pep Party was held on Thursday evening, November 10, between the hours of eight and ten in the auditorium and gymnasium. About two hundred students attended. The first part of the party was held in the auditorium and consisted mainly in the production of pep in large quantities. The next day the team was to journey to Boone to play the last game of the season and incidentally, the last football con-

test in which a team from West High would be represented. The game was to be played before a homecoming crowd on Armistice Day. With the aid of the yell leaders a great deal of pep was generated. The team was seated on the stage and Coach Harris gave a talk and introduced the players. One or two of the players even ventured to say a few words other than the traditional "We'll do our best. Hope to see you all at the game." James Hayes and Milton Moore were among this group of dashing, silver-tongued orators. The band furnished the music for the school songs under the direction of Mr. Stanton. After this the movie, "Exciting Moments in Big Games," was shown on the screen.

The crowd then adjourned to the gymnasium where the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. The music was furnished by Irma Talbott's orchestra.

The annual Football Party was held in honor of the football team Friday evening, November 23. Four short plays were presented on the stage in the auditorium before a crowd of about two hundred senior high students and alumni. The team then filed on the stage amid the cheers of the audience. Coach Harris gave a talk and brought out the point that, although our team had not won all of its games, it was the best team he had ever coached as to spirit, team play, and good sportsmanship. Coach then gave to each member of the team the jersey in which he had played during the season as a token of the appreciation of the school for his work. A flower was then presented as a gift of the girls of West High to each player. "Dick" Harris, the small son of our Coach, acted as the delivery boy. He was dressed in a football suit which had the West High monogram on it that Coach had won as a student here. Russell Fisher expressed the appreciation of the team for the flowers and jerseys, after which the crowd went to the gym for dancing. Thanks to Dauris Rogers, the room was lighted with beautiful flood lights of varied colors. The members of the first team were given large pieces of cake by the chef, Ray Fisher.

The farewell party was the last chance for any student to participate in any West High activity. The party was held on the night of the last day of school, Tuesday, January 24, 1928. It consisted of two parts. The first part was held in the auditorium where talks were given by the leading students and some of the faculty. This was the only student farewell to West High so a large crowd was present.

The second part of the program was a dance in the gymnasium. A good orchestra and refreshments made the dance a success. The gymnasium and the stage were decorated in a fitting manner for this final West High activity. Many West High banners and colors livened the atmosphere both of the stage and of the gymnasium. Colored lights in the gymnasium for the dance helped the general effect. The dance closed at about 10:30. For the last time the West High pupils left the West High they had known, for on the next day it was to be a junior school.

WEST HIGH "GOODBYE"

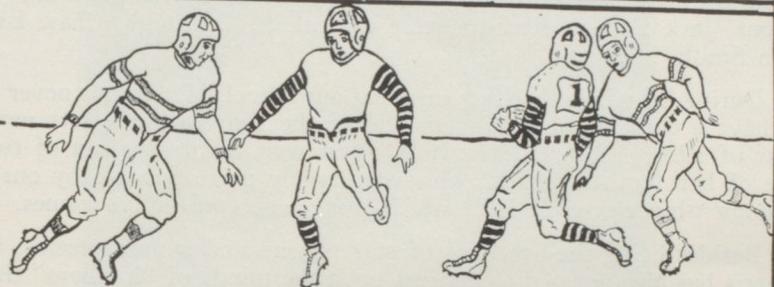
One summer eve, about half-past eight,
News came to me which I loathe to relate,
For nothing more appalling to my ears could resound,
That the seniors after January of old West High would be turned down.
The famous West High where for years many great men had gone,
The old-fashioned building that has stood there so long.

I listened in silence, I felt very sad;
I could form no expression, except " 'Tis too bad!"
For ne'er did I think that such a rare fate
Our famous West High should ever o'ertake;
The famous school, with its majestic old walls,
The old fashioned building and its winding halls.

Daily I've sat there for many terms past;
I shall remember my first day as well as the last.
But I can never sit there in another Senior High class
For proud old West High must see her last.
But when truth dawns, as it always will,
We seniors all in a sacred mood, remember still,
For you, dear old "West High, I Will."

—LLOYD SHELTON.

19¹⁵ ATHLETICS ⁷⁸CS



COACH HARRIS

Coach Harris has turned out many football, basket ball, swimming and track stars since he became our coach in 1919. A few of these are: Chas. Coons, Jack Barnes, R. Summers, Vimont, S. Orebaugh, Chas. Everett, Don Smith.

During his whole coaching career at our school, Mr. Harris never failed to have a championship team in one of the four major sports until the year of 1926. From 1919 to 1924, West won twenty-one out of twenty-five of her football games. This was largely made possible by our state championship eleven in 1923 which wone nine consecutive games.

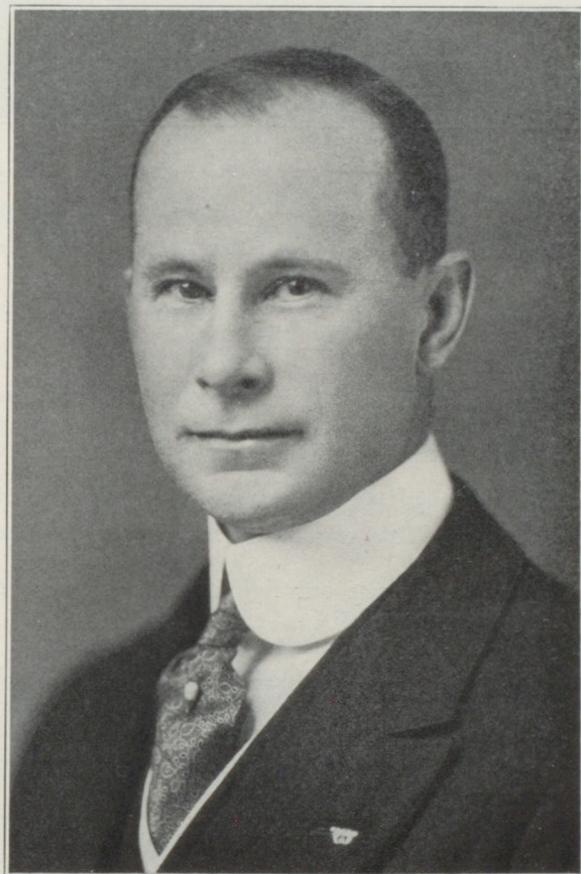
Besides being the producer of star players and winning teams, Coach Harris has always tried to impress upon the minds of "his boys" the fact that clean sportsmanship is the most important quality of a good player. Anyone who has frequented the training quarters or football practice will agree that "Coach" is always the champion of clean speech and clean living.

Perhaps it will not surprise the reader to learn that Mr. Harris himself was a splendid athlete and played for the "Maize and Blue," with all the vigor and strength he possessed, while he attended West High back in 1908. He won seven monograms.

After graduating from West in 1908, Coach Harris attended the University of Chicago for one year, during which time he was coached by the famous Alonzo Stagg. He next attended the Stout Institute at Menomonie, Wisconsin, where he graduated as a civil engineer. His experience as a builder of bridges and dams was brief, for such a roving life did not appeal to him greatly. Before coming to our school Mr. Harris was the coach at the high school in Alexandria, Minnesota, where he stayed from 1917 to 1919. During his stay there he coached the championship football team in the high school group of Minnesota.

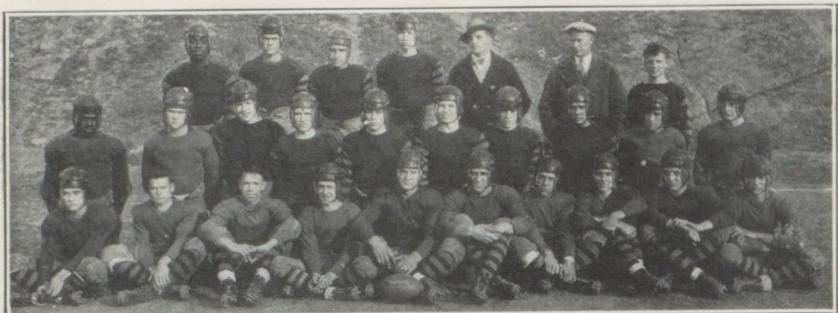
We, as students of West High, can never forget the cheerful words, the witty remarks, or the splendid character of Coach Harris.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE 1900



COACH HARRIS

FOOTBALL SQUAD—FIRST TEAM



Front Row (left to right): W. Rutherford, W. Brown, B. Kimball, W. Stone, R. Fisher, D. Bruce, N. Myers, J. Hayes, I. Shaw, E. Michel.

Second Row (left to right): R. Webb, C. Mitchell, S. Malum, E. Drake, C. Hull, M. Moore, M. Blanc, A. Van de Venter, J. Calhoun, Ray Fisher.

Third Row (left to right): J. Allen, C. Ramsey, B. Irvin, P. Keith, E. Thornsberry, Coach Harris, J. Youngerman.

THE TEAM

Russell Fisher was captain of our Maize and Blue eleven this season. He played fullback and was a good ground gainer for our team. On defense he backed up the line splendidly. Russell was the all-city selection for halfback this year.

Ray Fisher, the brother of our captain, played a fine end position for West High this season. This was Ray's second year on the team. Ray was also captain.

Arnold Van de Venter was our fighting tackle. He performed well throughout the whole season.

Milton Moore played center during the first few games of the schedule, but was shifted to guard where he added much to the strength of that side of the line.

When Moore was shifted to guard, Charles Hull was taken from the backfield to fill the vacancy at center. He was an accurate passer and fought to the last minute.

Bede Irvin played in a guard position and played a "dandy" game.

James Allen proved to be a tower of strength in our line and broke through the forward wall of the enemy many times to block punts or throw the runner for a loss.

Robert Webb, one of our last year's letter men, played a fine end for the team this last year. "Bob" not only performed well on defense but was able to carry the ball. He was always down on punts and many times tackled the receiver of the punt in his tracks.

William Rutherford was one of the lightest men on the team but he played in nearly all of the games and played hard and fast at all times.

James Hayes, our diminutive "Scotch" triple-threat quarter back, was a big cog in the West High offense. His long punts usually gave our team the advantage in any exchange of punts.

Byron Kimball was promoted from the second team to the first when Coach Harris discovered his ability. Kimball played half-back.

Edwin Drake played a fine guard position and showed lots of grit.

John Calhoun's speed and ability to tackle made him a fine end this year.

Kenneth Dahlman had plenty of strength and played his tackle position well.

Paul Keith, husky guard, was a hard man for the opposing linemen to keep out of the play.

Charles Ramsay played a good game on the line this year.

Earl Thornsberry played a fine game at guard until he injured his leg. However, although he did not play the required number of quarters, Earl received his monogram.

Richard Bruce gave our opponents much trouble with his long open field runs.

Wilfred Stone, brainy little quarter, used a combination of plays that kept our opponents guessing at all times.

Norvin Myers, playing half, was always good for that last two yards.

Walter Brown played a hard and fast game at fullback.

Severt Malum at center showed good spirit and fine sportsmanship this season.

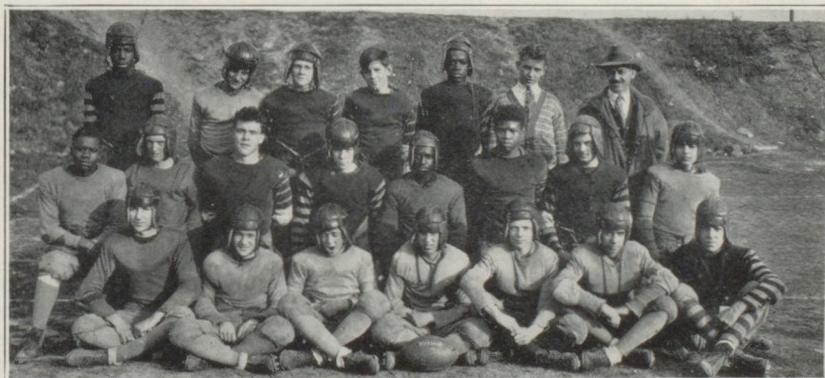
Milton Blanc displayed lots of fighting spirit at guard.

Charles Mitchell had plenty of speed in his game. He played at half-back.

Edgar Michel played end. Although handicapped by lack of weight, he was able to stop runners of any size.

Irwin Shaw, at end, was a hard fighter and was able to play a fine game.

SECOND TEAM



First Row: H. King, H. Peggs, J. Lawson, R. Burris, W. Simons, J. O'Brien, W. Gusland.

Second Row: T. Martin, R. Chapman, R. Davis, R. Lichty, W. Walker, C. Wade, E. Elliott, J. Massie.

Third Row: C. Mays, E. Neufeld, W. Lantz, D. McKay, E. Webb, R. Ganschow, Mr. Abbott.

ATHLETICS

West 12—Lincoln 0

West High started the football season in a very fine manner. The Maize and Blue gridders defeated Lincoln High by a score of 12 to 0 at the local ball park. West had its own way during most of the contest, the only time that Lincoln threatened to score being early in the first quarter when a drop-kick was unsuccessful from the thirty yard line. In the first part of the second quarter Dick Bruce reeled off a twenty-yard run for the first touchdown of the season. This play, however, was preceded by a long jaunt when Russell Fisher intercepted a pass and made a spectacular forty-yard run. The next counter came late in the last quarter when Russell Fisher carried the ball over the goal line from the one-yard marker. The entire team played excellent ball for so early in the season and showed that West had plenty of fight.

West 15—Valley Junction 6

West surprised Valley Junction at the Drake bowl in the second game of the season by defeating the more experienced Valley team by a score of 15 to 6. Dick Bruce scored the first touchdown after a nice forty-yard run through the entire Valley team, aided by some wonderful interference. Bill Rutherford made the second touchdown by the means of a smash through the line for a gain of ten yards. In the last quarter Ray Fisher broke through the Valley line and tackled a Valley back behind his own goal line. This netted two points for our school. Jimmie Hayes, Russell Fisher, Ray Fisher, and Dick Bruce starred for West. The whole team displayed wonderful co-operation and fighting spirit.

West 0—North 6

The "Harrismen" suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of the Pink and Green warriors by a score of 6 to 0. The only touchdown of the game was the result of a fumble in the first quarter. The rest of the game was played on even terms. The game was exceptionally clean and a splendid spirit was displayed by both teams. West was unable to score during the remainder of the game and the victory was awarded to North High.

West 6—Grinnell 13

For the first time in nine long years Grinnell High defeated a team from West Des Moines High School. The game was played at the Drake Stadium before a large crowd. The Grinnell team flashed a brand of end runs and passes that was too much for our boys in the first half. Coach Harris sent James Allen and Robert Webb into the game during the last half, and they helped considerably in stopping the Grinnell attack. West scored its only touchdown in the last half while Grinnell was unable to gain.

West 0—Roosevelt 27

Roosevelt defeated West High by a score of 27 to 0 at the Drake Stadium. West showed plenty of fight and played hard but lost because of superior weight and strength of the opposition. The heavy Roosevelt line crashed through our forward wall time and time again, and our light line had to fight for all it was worth. West was outweighed thirty pounds to a man, but our boys fought hard until the whistle brought the game to a close.

West 8—Newton 0

The West High eleven journeyed to Newton and defeated the strong Newton team by a score of 8 to 0. This was the first game in which the Newton High boys had been defeated this year. Our team played good ball throughout the whole period. Ray Fisher made the only touchdown of the game when he scooped up the ball, which had been blocked by James Allen when Newton High attempted to punt, and ran twenty-five yards for a touchdown. The other two points were scored when Rutherford of West recovered the ball in the end zone. A large crowd of rooters accompanied the squad to Newton in a hired bus and added much to the enthusiasm of the team. Our boys were treated in a very fine manner by the opponents and we wish to compliment Newton High on its wonderful sportsmanship.

West 7—East 25

In the third city series game of the season West was defeated by its traditional foe from Lee township. The score does not tell the story of the game, for West made the "red and black" eleven fight for every inch of ground it gained. Kernahan of East was the outstanding star. Russell Fisher starred for West on offense, while Webb starred on defense.

West 0—Boone 31

The last game ever to be played by a team representing West High School was a rather one-sided affair. The game was played on the Boone field on Armistice Day. West put up a fight that is characteristic of all West High teams, and Boone was forced to its limit. In the first quarter the heavy Boone eleven was held scoreless and it was unable to gain ground. Early in the second quarter Boone intercepted a pass and made the first touchdown of the game. The making of this touchdown seemed to encourage the Boone team, and our boys, although they fought hard, were unable to play as well during the rest of the game as they had in the first quarter. The Maize and Blue athletes came back in the third quarter with renewed determination and again held Boone scoreless. However, in the last quarter Boone displayed a brand of football that was too much for the lighter West High aggregation. Coach Harris gave all the boys a chance to play as this was the last game of the season and, incidentally, the last game ever to be played by a team representing our school.

BASKET BALL

Basket ball has always played an important part in the life of our school. It has been the custom for each school to enter four teams in the all-city round-robin tournament. Each team plays the teams in its class in each of the four other schools twice each season; once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester. As West High will be abandoned as a senior high school at the end of the fall semester in January, the A, B, C and D teams from our school will only be able to play the four games each, which are included in the fall season. Much good material is available from the last year's squad and Coaches Harris and Abbott expect to make a good showing.

GOLF AND TENNIS



First Row (left to right): G. Dobson, E. Guild, F. Garsh, M. Mahaffa, C. Kurtz, H. Drake, C. Anderson, C. Kensinger, J. Massie, R. Stone.

Second Row (left to right): S. Jacobson, H. Harlan, A. Sims, W. Neislar, L. Norton, M. Fry, D. McKay, E. McCorkle, F. Johnston, J. Lawson.

Third Row (left to right): J. Williams, Mr. Culbertson, A. Heaps, Mr. Hill.

BOYS' GOLF

Mr. Culbertson coached the boys' golf team during this fall season. The West High team was composed of the following boys in their ranking order: John Lawson, Max Fry, Raymond Stone, Jack Massie, Edward McCorkle, Clark Elbert, William Drake, and Donald McKay. These boys entered the city tournament this fall in A and B divisions and finished in fourth place. The results of the matches were as follows:

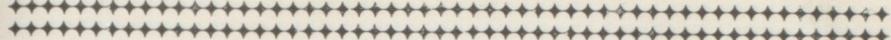
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West 17	North 7
West 7	Lincoln 17
West 1½	East 22½

Max Fry and Jack Massie received their golf monograms.

GIRLS' GOLF

One of the sports which has been enthusiastically supported by the girls of West High is golf. Golf not only renders a benefit to the individual participating in it, for it stimulates clear thinking and encourages good sportsmanship, but it offers a means of gaining wholesome fun and pleasure.

The members of the team this year were Helen Drake, Carol Ander-



son, Willie Neislar, Catherine Kensinger, Marjorie Mahaffa, and Annamae Heaps. This group, coached by Mr. Culbertson, participated in two meets in the fall tournament. In the first match with Roosevelt High the team was defeated by the Roosevelt girls by a score of 4-2. The second match was with North High and West High came through victorious, defeating the Polar Bears by the decisive score of 4-0. The matches with East and Lincoln were not played because of cold weather.

The West High rule concerning golf monograms is that one must play in both spring and fall tournaments to secure the desired insignia. Helen Drake, Carol Anderson, and Annamae Heaps fulfilled these requirements and received their monograms. Marjorie Mahaffa and Catherine Kensinger played in the fall tournament only. Although unable to secure their West High letters, these two girls, if they play in the spring tournament on the North or Roosevelt team, will secure the letter of the school which they represent. Willie Neislar is the only graduating member of the squad.

TENNIS

Tennis practice, because of bad weather which lasted three weeks, received a late start this fall. However, as soon as the condition of the courts permitted, Mr. Hill issued the call for candidates and selected the team. Through a misunderstanding our school was compelled to forfeit its first match. The match with Roosevelt was played on the courts belonging to the Country Club. The scores were close but the more experienced Roosevelt team was victorious. The playing of other matches was impossible because of continued bad weather. Members of the team were as follows: girls' singles, Elizabeth Guild; girls' doubles, Chestine Kurtz and Arvaline Sims; boys' singles, James Williams; boys' doubles, Sol Jacobson and Hubert Harlan. Kenneth Morris and Georgia Dobson made up the mixed doubles team.

SWIMMING

For the first time in several years West High engaged in a swimming meet with an out-of-town team. West chose as her opponent the well balanced Boone High squad. This was the only swimming meet that West competed in this season.

The meet was held at Boone on December 16th. The competition was very keen and the score was close. However, our team was victorious by a score of 35 to 34. Enthusiasm was strong all through the event as the two teams would alternate in forging ahead.

The boys who made the trip were Irwin Shaw, Wilfred Stone, John Stokely, Walter Brown, Jack Youngerman, Walter Hull, and Elmer Neufeld. The results of the various events were as follows:

100 yd. relay—West, first (Stone, Shaw and Stokely); Boone, second.

Fancy dives—Boone, first and second; West, third (Brown).

100 yd. breast stroke—West, first (Stone); Boone, second; West, third (Youngerman).

100 yd. back stroke—Boone, first; West, second (Hull); Boone, third.

220 yd. free style—Boone, first and second; West, third, (Neufeld).

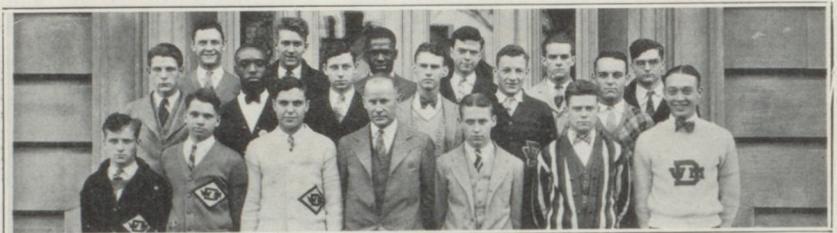


100 yd. free style—West, first (Shaw); Boone, second and third.
40 yd. free style—West, first (Shaw); West, second (Stokely); Boone, third.

Medley relay—West, first (Youngerman, Stokely, Hull); Boone, second.

The boys, accompanied by Coach Harris, were driven to Boone in automobiles and everyone enjoyed the trip immensely. The meet took place in the Boone High pool before a large crowd. The pool was a splendid one, resembling in appearance the one at Roosevelt High. The swimming team should be congratulated on its fine showing.

W. D. M. MEN



Front Row (left to right): J. Youngerman, J. Stokely, W. Hull, Coach Harris, W. Stone, W. Brown, I. Shaw.
Second Row (left to right): I. Shive, J. Allen, C. Gayer, H. Breed, R. Fisher, M. Donahoo.
Third Row (left to right): J. Patterson, R. Bruce, R. Webb, P. Beall, W. Rutherford, C. Howell.

W. G. A. A.

The W. G. A. A. (West High Girls' Athletic Association) was organized for the purpose of arousing the interest of West High girls in athletics. It also aims to promote better sportsmanship, to develop strong, healthy bodies, to offer to the girls an opportunity to make new friends, and to create a spirit of co-operation by encouraging team play. The association had a membership of forty-two girls this fall, and it offered volley ball, soccer, swimming, golf, tennis, basket ball, hiking, baseball, and track to its members. Thirty-eight girls participated in the playing of volley ball, and the climax of the season was the tournament in which four teams, captained by Bernice Hafner, Lorinne Crawford, Gladys James, and Elsie Houchin, participated. Twenty-eight girls played soccer, and this group was managed by Gladys James. The other sports were enjoyed by all the girls in the club and each one received its full amount of support.

The big social event of the season was the party which took the place of the usual annual dance. The party which was held on December 9 included games, swimming, dancing, and a banquet dinner.

Much of the success of the organization was due to the splendid work of the club adviser, Miss Eichorn, whose untiring efforts always kept a good spirit in the group. The members will be received into the organizations of similar nature in the other schools in January.

The officers of the club for this semester were Elsie Houchin, president; Letha Robinson, vice-president; Ramona Whetzel, secretary; and Betty Boesrup, treasurer.

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The image features a collection of black silhouettes of human heads arranged in a grid-like pattern within a rectangular frame. The heads are oriented in various directions, some facing left, some right, and some upwards or downwards. They are positioned to form the letters of the word 'FEATURING'. The letters are formed by the profiles of the heads: 'F' at the top left, 'E' above it, 'A' below 'E', 'T' to the right of 'A', 'U' below 'T', 'R' to the right of 'U', 'E' below 'R', and 'S' at the bottom right. The entire arrangement is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

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Knute Rockne.....	Russell Fisher

WEST HIGH TERMS DEFINED

Assembly: That place where public speakers are thrust on innocent and unsuspecting students.

Books: Those things which should and must remain a mystery, only to be mentioned in hushed and solemn tones.

Cafeteria: That place where the physical desires are satisfied and where Emily Post reigns supreme.

Drinking Fountains: Those places wherein gum is parked.

Excuses: Those written articles which are notable examples of forgery and prevarication.

Freshmen: Those animals to which assembly tickets are sold and who use the elevator.

Sophomores: That group for whose existence no reason is known.

Juniors: That group of under-classmen that exists entirely for the benefit and amusement of the seniors.

Seniors: That group which is the pride and joy of the institution.

Detention Room: That place where the pupil may enjoy silent communion with some august member of the faculty.

The Swimming Pool: That place which is a subterranean cavern filled with water to be reached by descending a rope ladder which reaches into the very bowels of the earth.

Bird School: That building the basement of which is maintained solely for the use of the sacred few, relegated to the mysterious and diverting pastime of football.

Chemistry Lab.: That place where long suffering students may seriously damage each other and declare the injuries to be the accidental result of an explosion.



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Rocky Dog
Has His
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How
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The Handshakers



as we were in those
days



On His
last
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the last
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AS WE GO TO PRESS

Ed Slye sails for Europe to join Anna Pavlova as her dancing partner.
Mary Nicholson successfully completes a round trip, non-stop flight to Paris.

Harold Harvey completes his fourteenth volume on the habits and characteristics of the Missouri wood tick.

Mr. Meier makes his debut in the Metropolitan Opera as Robin Hood.

Mr. Goodell renounces scientific thinking and concedes that seven and eight equal fifteen—under standard conditions (thanks to H. King).

Miss Kasson acknowledges that she is a probable candidate for president in 1928.

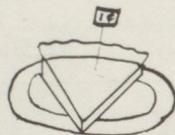
Sam Kelso accepts a position as a salesman in Alaska, selling Westinghouse electric fans. As a sideline he carries a full supply of Jantzen bathing accessories.

Before accepting a position driving the city garbage truck, Seve Malum matriculates at Ames for a course in engineering.

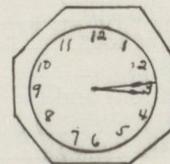
Mr. Linn Culbertson and Mr. Abbott announce their acceptance of a contract with the Orpheum Circuit, to appear as Siamese Twins.

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STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Student Council was held in the gymnasium last Saturday at 6:30 A. M.

The minutes of the next meeting were read and approved.

The Grounds Committee Chairman asked that all paper be thrown around the Center Street entrance or placed in the shrubbery for artistic effect.

The chairman of the Halls Committee announced that hall monitors were free to gather in the auditorium for a social gathering any time while on duty.

The chairman of the Service Committee asked that only formal clothing be given in the bundle drive.

The Hospitality Chairman proposed that all new students be refused admittance to any of the school activities.

The Library Chairman asked that articles be torn or clipped from magazines and books to save wear and tear on them by checking them out.

The Play Chairman announced that "Salome" would be the Senior Class play and that it was to be presented at the Shrine Temple.

The Athletic Chairman stated that cigarettes were furnished by the school to all first squad men.

The Cafeteria Chairman announced that all racing in the run-way would hereafter be done under the supervision of an official starter, the first person down receiving a candy bar free.

The Scholarship Chairman stated that only those making one or more fives would be allowed to attend the Student Council.

The Treasurer proposed that the treasury surplus be used to give a banquet for all fraternity and sorority pledges and members in the school.

The meeting eventually adjourned.

Familiar Sayings by Coach Harris

(*Heard by the football players at football practice*)

"Keep your shoulders together there, you two."

"That man can't run with his feet off the ground."

"Here, watch your cussin'. The first thing you know you'll have somebody's suit besides your own hangin' on your hook."

"Use your head, boy, use your head."

"That guy's no friend of yours. Take him out. Don't be so gentle with him."

"That fellow belongs on the ground. See to it that he gets there."

"All right, everyone line up at the other end of the field."

"Look at those chickadees go. Wow!"

"Look, Jimmy. What do you see? All right, make use of the situation."

"That's enough. Bring the ball back and try it again."

"Keep your body between the ball and your man."

"That's enough for tonight. Everybody up to dress."

"Follow the ball. Snap into it." "Call 'em fast. Line up."

"Who's your man? Take him." "Whoa, try it again."

"Why didn't that play work?" "Don't play signals."

"What do you think about it?" "Use your hands."

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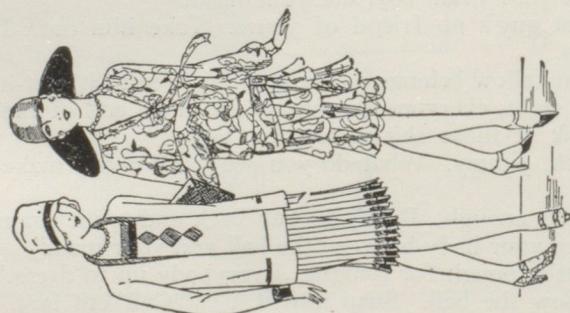
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Customer: "No, I want them all cut."
Barber: "Any particular way?"
Customer: "Yes, off."

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Mr. Goodell: "Homer, why are you so late?"

Homer K.: "I fell down the stairs."

Mr. Goodell: "Well, it needn't have taken you so long."

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Horse: "When you were in Europe I suppose you saw the great tracts of barren waste."

Lough: "Yes, he has a wonderful estate."

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Yea: "I bet those freshmen think Rex Beach is a summer resort."

Bo: "Why some of them think Easter Sunday is Billy Sunday's daughter."

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Dew: "Why do women rest their chins on their hands when trying to think?"

Drop: "So they won't open their mouths and disturb themselves."

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A bird in the hand is bad table manners.

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Dumb: "I am working hard to get ahead."

Not So Dumb: "Well you certainly need one."

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Home

"Where are you going, my little Flea?"
"I'm going to the dogs."

Lewis Huff: "Are you the barber who cut my hair the last time?"

Barber: "No, I've only been here six months."

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Pas: "Do you know father has never spoken a hasty word to mother?"

Du: "How is that?"

Tout: "He stutters."

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"Why is a debutante like a letter?"

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"I've come to fix the old tub in the kitchen."

"Oh Mamma! Here's the doctor to see the cook."

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First Freshman: "Do you enjoy Browning?"

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Paul: "To the bottom of page six."

Miss Spoor: "Lewis, I suppose you have read the same."

Lewis: "No, I've read a little further."

Miss Spoor: "Good, Lewis; how far have you read?"

Lewis: "To the top of page seven."

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One: "Have a fall?"

The Other: "No thanks, I just had one."

Scrambled

"I understand some of your hens have stopped laying."

"At least ten have anyway."

"What is the cause?"

"Motor cars."

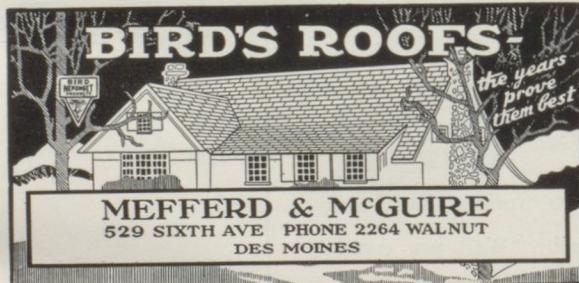
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Not a Cat Barber

Mrs. Robert Katz was looking for her husband and she went into the barber shop and asked:

"Bob Katz here?"

"No Ma'am, I'm sorry, but we don't," replied the barber as he shut the door.



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M. Merritt: "Pauline says she thinks I'm a wit."

G. Mefferd: "She's half right at that."

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Miss Hovey: "Don't you know a thing about literature?"

Harold G.: "Sure, I've written to all the toothpaste companies for it."

* * *

First Student: "Did you observe fire prevention week?"

Second Student: "Yes, I got into the office earlier; the boss was getting sore."

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Rastus: "Ah wants a divorce. Dat woman jus' talk, talk, talk. Ah cahnt get no rest, an' that talk am driving me crazy."

Lawyer: "What does she talk about?"

Rastus: "She don' say."

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Opal: "Brother Congo, I hear Sister Johnston's dead. When's she gwine be interned?"

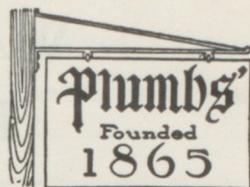
Brother Congo: "They ain't gone be no internment, cause de fambly has decided she's to be incriminated."



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Severt Malum: "You'd never think this car was a second hand one, would you?"

Sam Kelso: "No, it looks as if you'd made it your self."

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Barber: "You always look at me in such a paternal way."

Verle W.: "That is because I am pop eyed."

* * *

Manis D.: "Well, I answered a question in class today."

Milton M.: "What answer did you give?"

Manis D.: "Present."

* * *

Teacher: "Give me the principal parts of set."

Bright Pupil: "Set—hatch—cackle."

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Homer K.: "Something is preying on my mind."

Fannie G.: "Don't worry. It will soon starve to death."

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Whoa

"Let's get hitched."
"Don't horse me, big boy."

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"Wait a while and it will run down."
"No it won't; ours is a winding staircase."

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Wife (at the radio): "What does that whistle mean that blows when I turn the dial?"

Husband: "That means you're coming to the next station."

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Hard: "Do you serve lobsters here?"
Tack: "Yes, we serve everybody here—sit down."—Ex.



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Proved It

Prof., to students in the back of the room: "Can you hear me back there?"
Stud., in unison: "No."

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Spring Song

The little moths are never gay,
They do not dance or shout.
What do they do when they attend
The balls we hear about?

* * *

Not His Concern

Excited Passenger: "Oh, Oh, the ship
is sinking."

Sailor: "I should worry; it don't be-
long to me."



"because you love
nice things"

Everett's
8th STREET at LOCUST

Helen H.: "I'm going to marry a fellow who can take a joke."

S. Smith: "Don't worry. That is the only kind you will get."

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Homer K.: "My girl calls me maple sugar now."

Milton B.: "What else could she call a refined sap?"

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Blanche Mc.: "What is the cure for love at first sight?"

Pauline W.: "Second sight."

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She: "I Just love caviar."

He: "Yes, he is a great singer."

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Hope L.: "And what did papa say when you told him you couldn't sleep for thinking of me?"

Spencer H.: "He offered me a job as night watchman in his factory."

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Paul B.: "Don't you think my work is original?"

Miss Hovey: "Yes, even the spelling."

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Admirer (to poet): "Your latest poem, 'Junk,' is simply marvelous. You do put so much of yourself into your work."

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Stub S.: "Quick—a notary—I want to swear."

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Elmer N.: "There's a girl who doesn't even intend to marry."

K. Colton: "How do you know?"

E. N.: "I proposed to her."

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"And what did the neighbors say when Jimmy Nigh was born?"

"Nigh's baby."

* * *

Ed. N.: "What d'ye mean—you were defeated by superior number?"

Seve M.: "Well, I flunked out of math."

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K. R.: "Can't you come over tonight?"

G. M.: "I can't. I'm washing my sox."

And here the telephone operator cut in with, "I'm ringing them now."

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